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*Legislative Session  
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**Gov. John W. Bonner**

### **GOVERNOR**

**John W. Bonner**—Governor's mansion, Helena, Lewis and Clark county. Born July 16, 1902, in Butte. Graduated 1928 Montana State university with degrees in law; Democrat; member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Loyal Order of Moose, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Elks, Reserve Officers association, Montana Bar association, Montana Law School association, University of Montana Alumni association; an attorney; served as attorney general, 1940-1942; attorney for railroad commission, 1936-1938; attorney for highway commission, 1928-1935; married Josephine Martin and has five children, four daughters and one son; served in World War II with Timber Wolf division, 104th infantry, and in JAGD with First army; is a colonel in the reserves.





Lieut. Gov. Paul Cannon

#### LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

**Paul Cannon**—Butte, Silver Bow county. Born May 9, 1897, in Sunnyside, Wash.; attended Yakima, Wash., high school and Idaho Business college; Democrat; moved to Montana from Idaho in 1916; member of American Legion, BPOE; served overseas in army in France during World War I; merchant and businessman; married Caroline Duffes and has two sons; served in House from Silver Bow county in sessions of 1939, 1941, 1943; speaker pro tem in 1941 session; Democratic floor leader in 1943 session; active sportsman; one of charter members of Montana Wild Life federation.



# The Senate

Thirty-Second Assembly



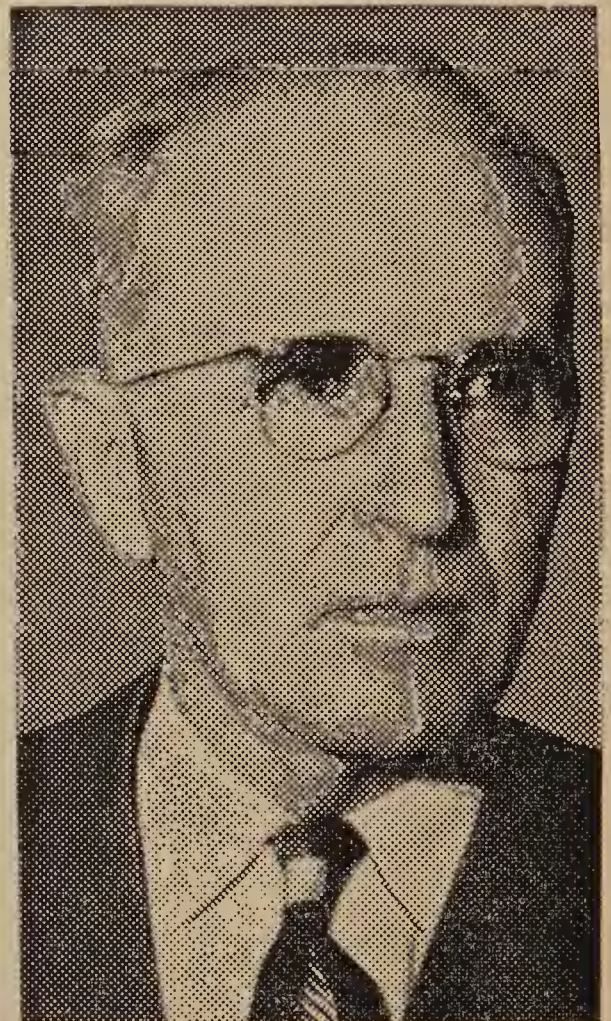
**Sen. Chas. H. Mahoney**

#### **SENATE MAJORITY LEADER**

**Charles H. Mahoney**—Jordan, Garfield county. Born June 12, 1906, at St. Paul, Minn., and came to Montana in 1907; attended Garfield county high school; Republican; rancher; member of the Senate in 1937, 1939, 1941, 1943 and 1949; married Alta Robertson and has one daughter, Mary; served in the army from 1942 to 1947.

#### **SENATE MINORITY LEADER**

**D. M. Manning**—Hysham, Treasure county. Born February 28, 1897, at Chippewa Falls, Wis., and came to Montana in 1905; attended the University of Montana; Democrat; contractor; served 8 years in the House and 12 years in the Senate; speaker of the House in 1939; married Ruth Clark, has three children.



**Sen. D. M. Manning**





**Sen. E. L. Anderson**

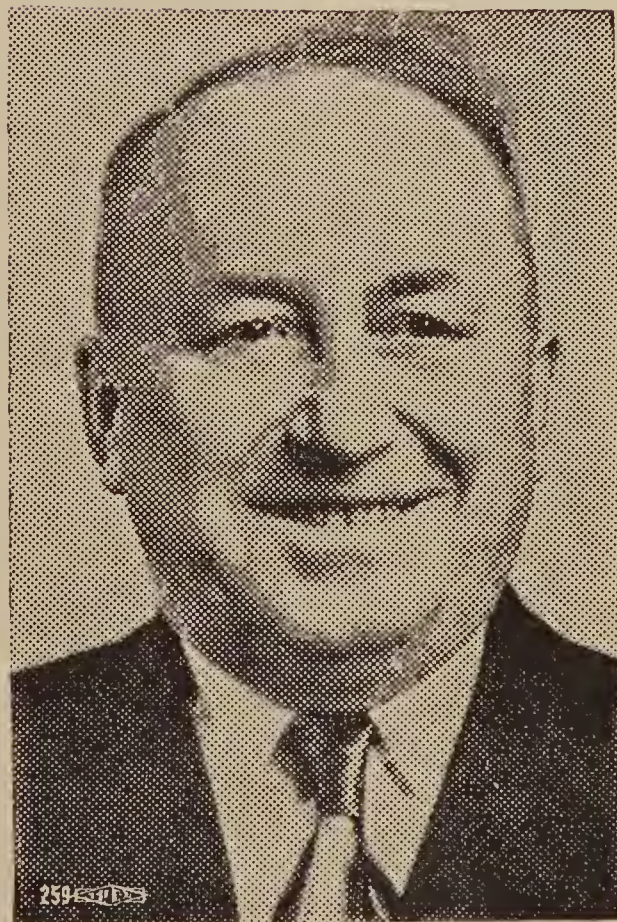


**Sen. LeRoy H. Anderson**

**Evon L. Anderson, B.A., M.D.**—Fort Benton, Chouteau county. Born November 11, 1899, in Sheridan, Ore.; came to Montana July 1, 1924; attended schools in Wise River, Idaho; University of Oregon and Jefferson Medical college at Philadelphia, Pa.; Republican; member of Alpha Kappa Kappa medical fraternity; Benton Lodge No. 25, AF&AM, 32°; Great Falls Scottish Rite of Masonry; Kiwanis and American Legion; physician and surgeon; married Fern G. Cranston and has three children; served in World War I.

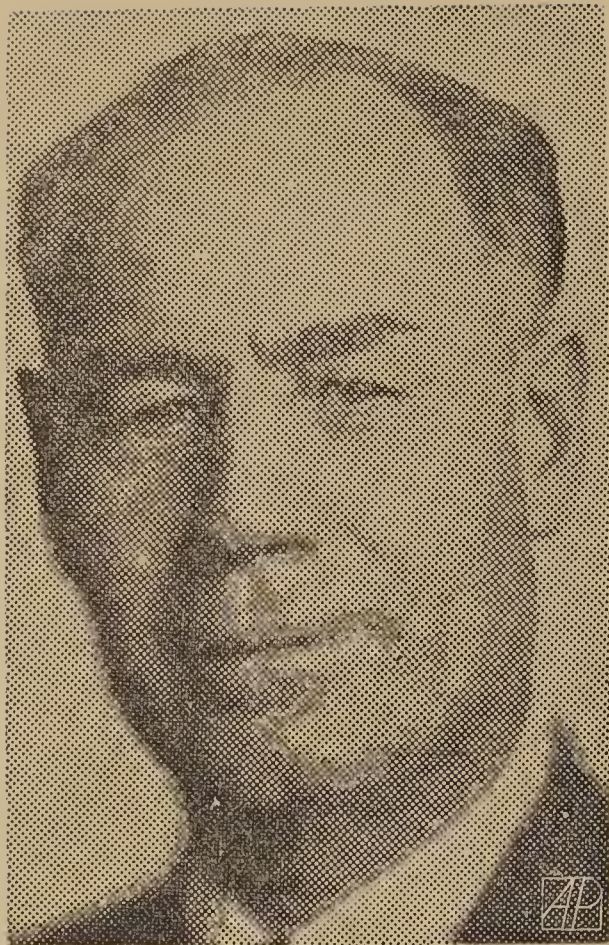
**LeRoy H. Anderson**—Conrad, ondera county. Born February 2, 1906, in Ellendale, N. D.; came to Montana July 1909; attended Montana State college; Democrat; member of the Masons, Elks; farmer; served one term each in House and Senate; married Jessie Viola Taylor and has two children; served 5 years in World War II.

**Jess L. Angstman**—Havre, Hill county. Born February 22, 1890, in Aberdeen, S. D.; came to Montana June 1, 1912; attended St. Paul College of Law; Democrat; member of the Elks lodge; lawyer; city attorney at Havre; member of the House in 1947 and Senate in 1949; married Laurena Jeamer and has 4 children.



**Sen. Jess L. Angstman**

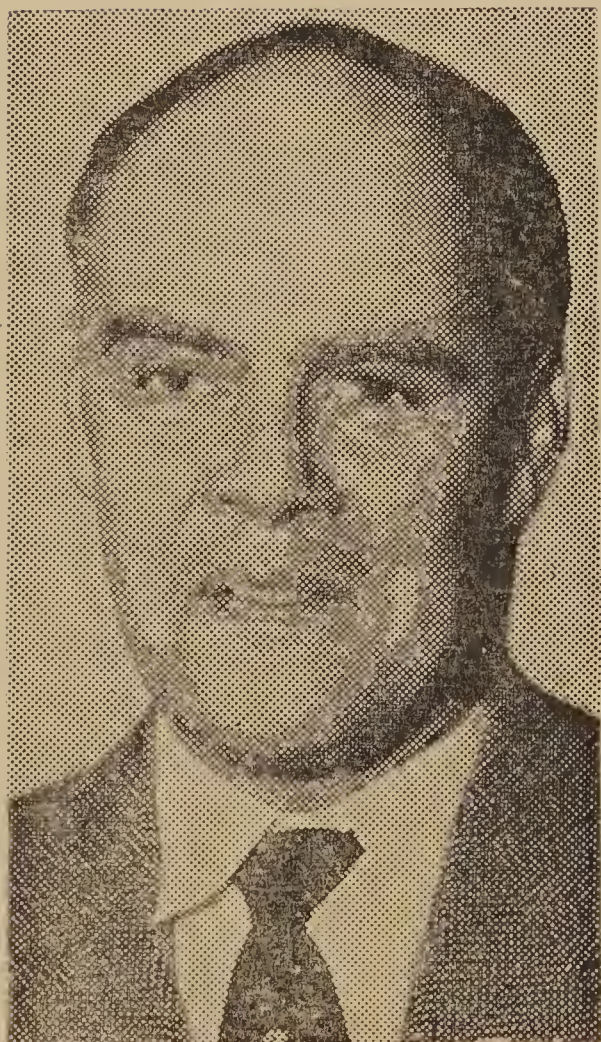




**Sen. J. Hugo Aronson**



**Sen. Oscar P. Balgord**



**Sen. Charles A. Bovey**

**J. Hugo Aronson**—Cut Bank, Glacier county. Born in Gallstad, Sweden, September 1, 1891; came to Montana in July 1914; attended schools in Sweden; Republican; member of the Masons, Elks and Moose; oil producer, banker, farmer; served three sessions in the House and three previous sessions in the Senate; married Rose McClure and has one child; served with AEF in France in World War I.

**Oscar P. Balgord**—Lavina, Golden Valley county. Born February 8, 1885, in Volga, S. D.; came to Montana March 1, 1910; attended Mankato Commercial college; Republican; member of the Masonic lodge; merchant and stockman; served in the House in 1933, 1935 and 1939, and in the Senate from 1941 through 1951; past president of the Montana Reclamation association; married Emily V. Lang, has one daughter.

**Charles Argalis Bovey**—Great Falls, Cascade county. Born May 1, 1907, in Minneapolis, Minn.; came to Montana October 23, 1926; attended Phillips Andover academy, Andover, Mass.; Democrat; wheat farmer; served in the 28th and 29th sessions in the House and the 30th, 31st and 32nd sessions in the Senate; married Sue Ford and has one son, Ford.





**Sen. W. F. Bristow**



**Sen. Charles W. Brown**



**W. F. Bristow**—Townsend, Broadwater county. Born February 28, 1904, in Kansas; came to Montana in 1918 and attended high school; Democrat; a member of the Masonic lodge; rancher; married Effie Hurron and has three children.

**Charles W. Brown**—Terry, Prairie county. Born July 2, 1899, in Campbell, Minn.; came to Montana May 10, 1910; attended Montana grade schools; Democrat; contractor; served in the 1949 session; married Mabel Umhoifer, has no children.

**L. W. Busch**—Baker, Fallon county. Born October 19, 1894, in Hastings, Minn.; attended Hastings high school; Republican; Mason; insurance and realtor; served in 1935, 1941, 1943 and 1945 in the House and in 1947 and 1949 in the Senate; married Nellie Lou Baeverstad and has one son; served in World War I.



**Sen. L. W. Busch**

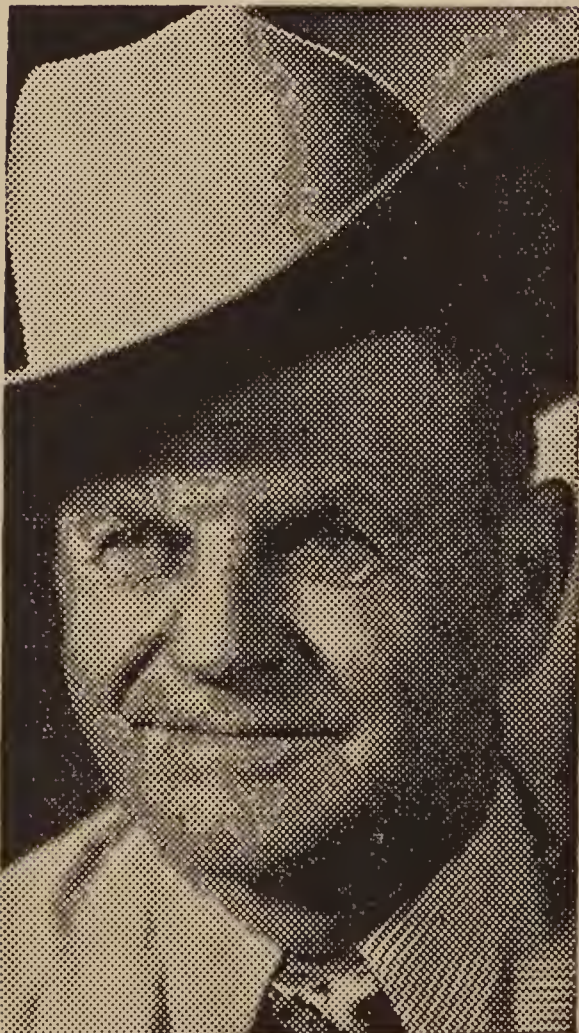




**Sen. Kenneth R. Cole**



**Sen. Robert S. Cotton**



**Sen. Leo J. Cremer**

**Kenneth Roger Cole** — Winnett, Petroleum county. Born May 6, 1905, in Springfield, Me.; came to Montana in 1914; attended Winnett public school; Republican; member of the Masonic lodge, Scottish Rite, Shrine, Eastern Star and Elks; wholesale and retail gasoline and oil dealer; served in the House in 1939 and in the Senate since 1943; has been on the school board and deputy assessor in Missoula county; married Bernice Dusschee; has two children.

**Robert S. Cotton** — Glasgow, Valley county. Born August 27, 1899, in Glasgow; attended Glasgow schools and Montana State college; Democrat; member of IOOF; farmer; served in the Senate in 1943 and 1945 and in the House in 1949; married Marie Wilson and has six children.

**Leo J. Cremer** — Big Timber, Sweet Grass county. Born October 30, 1891, in Cashton, Wis.; came to Montana July 20, 1911; attended Notre Dame; an Independent; is a member of the Moose lodge; rancher and rodeo producer; served in the Senate in 1949; married Bertha R. Stokes; one child.





**Sen. Andrew Dahl**



**Sen. Philip C. Duncan**

**Andrew Dahl**—Dagmar, Sheridan county. Born October 23, 1886, in North Dakota; came to Montana in October 1909; attended elementary schools in North Dakota; Democrat; wheat farmer; served in the Senate in 1945, 1947 and 1949; school board for 30 years; married Anna Boe and has five children.

**Philip C. Duncan**—Whitehall, Jefferson county. Born September 4, 1905, in Virginia City, Mont.; attended Stanford university; Democrat; Masons, Virginia City No. 1, Royal Arch Masons; lawyer; member of the House in 1945, 1947 and 1949; city attorney, Whitehall, 1931 to 1947; deputy county attorney, Jefferson county, 1938 to 1949; married Kathryn Hotrum and has four children.

**Oliver Ebert**—White Sulphur Springs, Meagher county. Born November 29, 1889, in Park county; Republican; member of the Elks lodge; stockman; served in the Senate in 1949; married Helen Lingshire.



**Sen. Oliver Ebert**

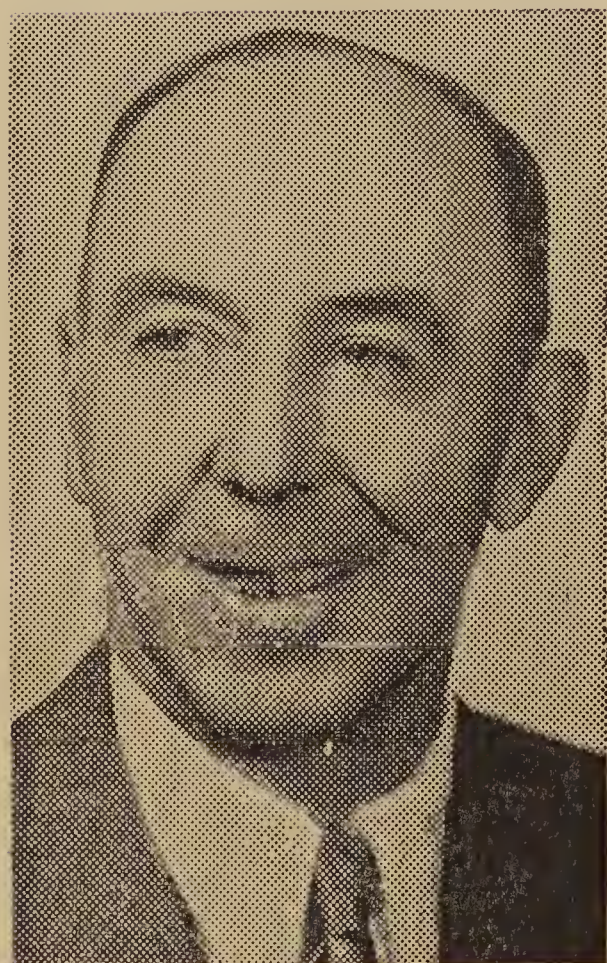




**Sen. John C. Ettien**



**Sen. Troy Evans**



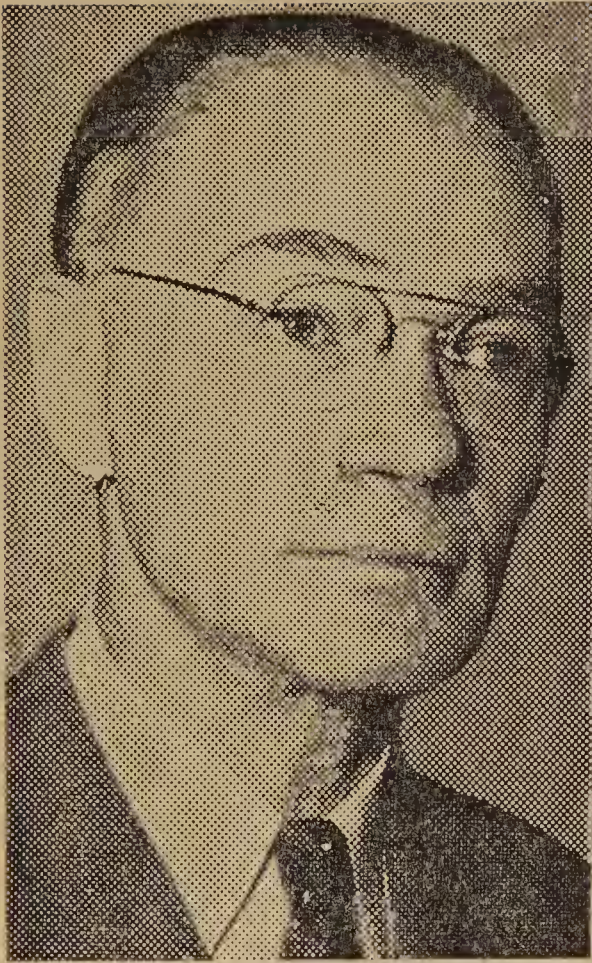
**Sen. C. E. Gardner**

**John Chandice Ettien**—Philipsburg, Granite county. Born October 8, 1916, in Deer Lodge, Mont.; Montana State university, L.L.B., 1942; Democrat; member of the Elks, Knights of Columbus, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion; county attorney, Granite county, 1947-1950; city attorney, Drummond, Mont., 1946 to present; married Helen Louise Pierce; has four children; United States Marine corps, World War II, 1943-1945, overseas 23 months.

**Troy Evans**—Butte, Silver Bow county. Born January 26, 1898, Idaho Falls, Idaho; came to Montana in 1902; attended Beaverhead high in Dillon; Republican; a member of Butte lodge, BPOE; sales manager; member of the House in 1945; married Leone Marie Buch and has two children.

**C. E. Gardner**—Boyes, Carter county. Born July 11, 1893, in Beulah, Wyo.; attended grade school in Wyoming and high school in Deadwood, S. D.; Republican; rancher; was county commissioner from 1941 to 1947; married Leta M. Brandeberry; has one child; has served in the army.





**Sen. Geo. M. Gosman**

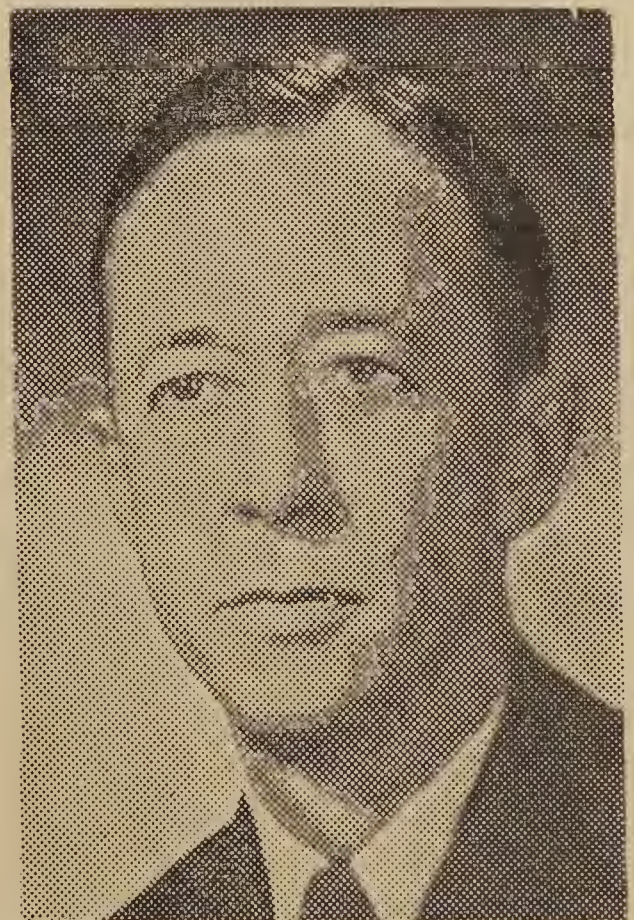


**Sen. R. C. Harken**

**George M. Gosman**—Dillon, Beaverhead county. Born October 19, 1893, at Lima, Mont.; educated at Dillon high school and the Montana State university; Republican; member of the Masons and Elks lodges; druggist; served in the Senate in 1945, 1947 and 1949; member of the state board of education; married Zetta Gilbert and is the father of one child; served in World War I.

**R. C. Harken**—Forsyth, Rosebud county. Born November 6, 1902, in Jackson county, Minn.; came to Montana in April 1910; attended Rosebud high school and the University of Montana; Democrat; member of the Masons and Shrine lodges; attorney; served in the House in 1941, 1943, 1945, 1947 and 1949; married Louise Bumann and is the father of five children.

**Rex Hibbs**—Billings, Yellowstone county. Born November 17, 1906, in Billings; attended the University of Montana; Republican; member of the Masonic and Eagles lodges; lawyer; served Yellowstone county as county attorney from 1941 to 1943; married Margaret L. Deckert and is the father of two children; military service in World War II, USAF, China and India and Okinawa.



**Sen. Rex Hibbs**





**Sen. J. M. Hofland**



**Sen. David F. James**



**Sen. T. J. Johnson**

**J. M. Hofland**—Circle, McCone county. Born October 23, 1890, in Mitchell county, Iowa; came to Montana in May 1913; attended grade and business school; Democrat; rancher-farmer; attended three sessions of the legislature; secretary of the AAA from 1933-1940 and held various public offices; married Mable Josephine Jacobson and the father of three children.

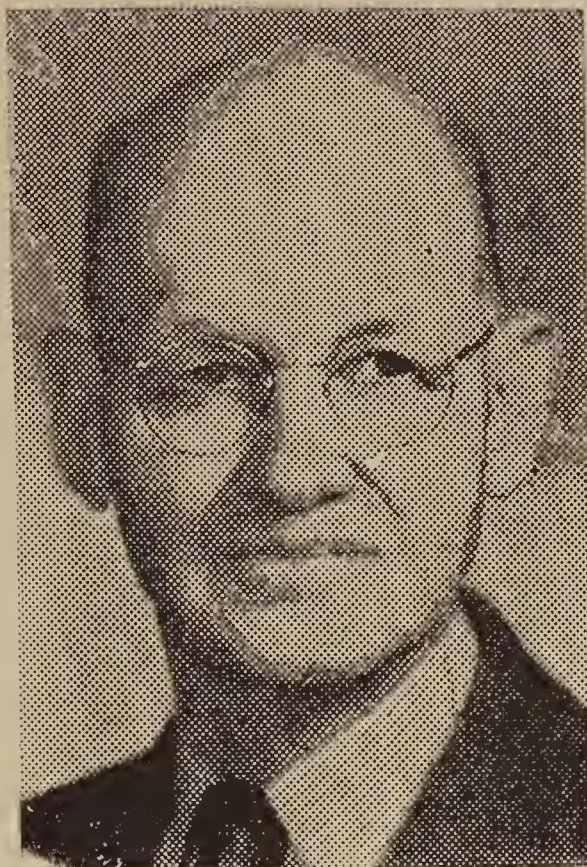
**David F. James**—Joplin, Liberty county. Born December 6, 1905, at Thornton, Iowa; came to Montana September 5, 1925; attended Mason City Junior college, Iowa State Teachers college and the Montana State university; Democrat; member of the Masonic lodge; farmer; served in the House, 1939, 1941, 1943, 1945, 1947 and the Senate in 1949; married Lillian A. Meldrum and is the father of four children; member of the Iowa National Guard.

**Theodore J. Johnson**—Lindsay, Dawson county. Born September 30, 1884, in Westby, Wis.; educated in the Viroqua Business college; Democrat; member of the Modern Woodmen of America; farmer, fire insurance; served in the House in the 24th and 25th sessions; postmaster at Wold, Mont., in 1911 and 1912, and justice of the peace in Bloomfield township in 1914-1916; married Ella Birkeland and is the father of three daughters.





**Sen. Webster Keller**



**Sen. Ray Kelly**

**Webster Keller**—Fishtail, Stillwater county. Born April 19, 1895, at Rainey, Mo.; came to Montana March 10, 1910; attended school in Missouri; Democrat; member of Stillwater Masonic lodge; county commissioner in 1939 to 1951; married Jennie Herrin and has one son.

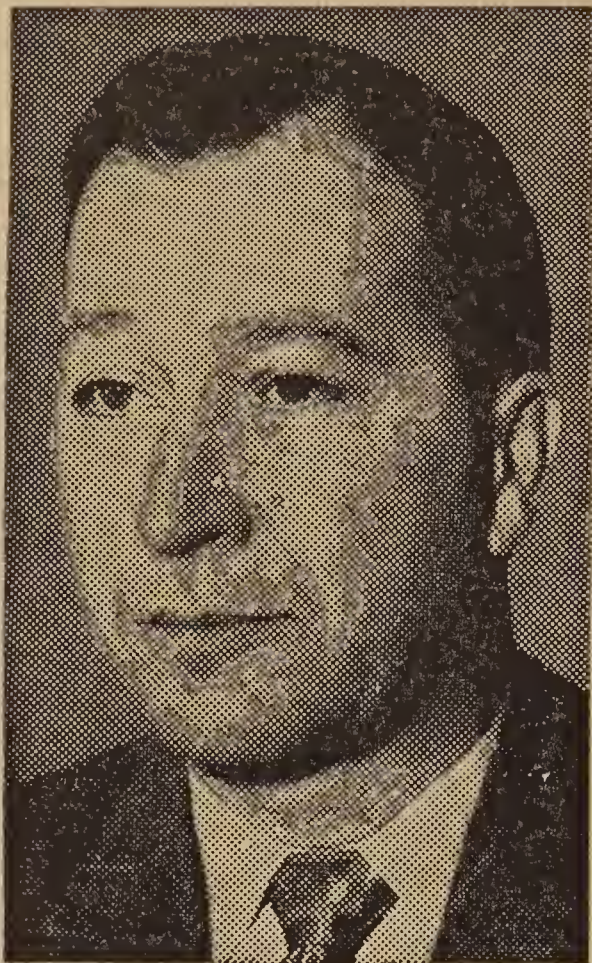
**Ray Kelly**—Polson, Lake county. Born September 1, 1891, at Rockland, Idaho; came to Montana in 1917; Democrat; member of Masonic, Elks and Eagles fraternal organizations; grocer and a member of the 31st legislative assembly; married Maude Wight and is the father of two daughters.

**Glenn H. Larson**—Thompson Falls, Sanders county. Born April 27, 1911, at Sprague, Wash.; moved to Montana in 1912; attended the University of Montana, UCLA, with a degree of A.B. in economics; Republican; member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity; banker; served two terms in the Senate; public administrator of Sanders county; married to Jeanne Marie Schaff and the father of one daughter.



**Sen. Glenn H. Larson**





**Sen. Carl Lehrkind, Jr.**



**Sen. J. A. Liggett**



**Sen. Carl Lindquist**

**Carl Lehrkind, Jr.**—Bozeman, Gallatin county. Born September 10, 1906, in Bozeman; attended Montana State college and the Montana State university; Democrat; member of the Eagles, Elks lodges and Phi Delta Theta fraternity; in the soft drink bottling business; served in the House in 1937, 1949, 1941, 1943 and 1945 sessions, and the Senate in 1949; married Margaret Thompson and is the father of three boys; marine reserve and member of ROTC.

**J. A. Liggett**—Roundup, Musselshell county. Born May 18, 1889, in Milbank, S. D.; came to Montana July 1, 1916; attended school in Milbank, and the University of Minnesota; Republican; member of the Masons and the Loyal Order of Moose; real estate and insurance business; member of the House in 1935 and 1939, and the Senate in 1941 and subsequent; member of the local board of education in Musselshell county; married to Ruby Johnson and is the father of three children.

**Carl Lindquist**—Scobey, Daniels county. Born March 7, 1900, in Paynesville, Minn.; came to Montana in 1928; attended the University of Minnesota, University of North Dakota; Republican; member of the Masonic bodies; lawyer; county attorney of Daniels county; former chief justice of the Montana supreme court; married Elizabeth Stoffel and served overseas with the U. S. army in World War I.





**Sen. M. J. Lott**



**Sen. Geo. S. McKenna**

**M. J. Lott**—Twin Bridges, Madison county. Born May 25, 1892, at Twin Bridges; attended Montana State college; member of the Masonic bodies; stockgrower with previous legislative service in the House in 1933, 1934 and 1935, and the Senate in 1939, 1941, 1943, 1945, 1947 and 1949; held the office of mayor and school trustee; married Bess Dawes and is the father of three boys.

**George S. McKenna**—Geyser, Judith Basin county. Born December 16, 1886, at Marvin, S. D.; came to Montana October 28, 1915; was educated in public and Milbank high school; Democrat; member of the Knights of Columbus; farmer and rancher; served in the House in 1937, 1939, 1941, and in the Senate in 1943 and 1945; county commissioner in 1923 and 1924; unmarried; was a member of the South Dakota National Guard.

**E. F. McQuitty**—Harlowton, Wheatland county. Born June 15, 1878, at Boone county, Mo.; came to Montana April 28, 1906; educated at Columbia, Mo., high school and the University of Missouri; Democrat; member of the Masonic lodge and the Loyal Order of Moose; in the real estate business; served three sessions in the Senate; was mayor in 1912, and county commissioner from 1930 to 1937; unmarried.

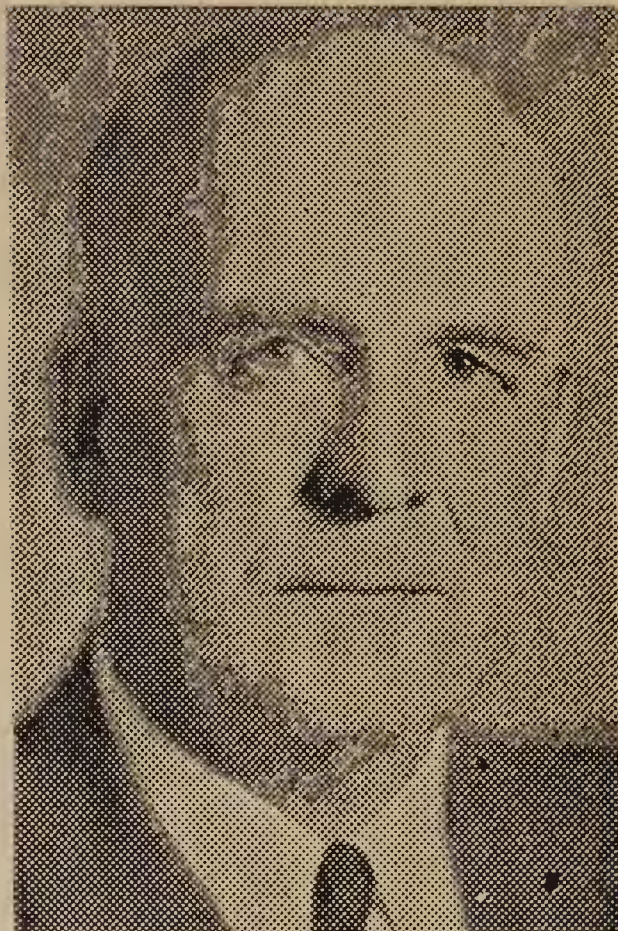


**Sen. E. F. McQuitty**





**Sen. G. M. Moss**



**Sen. Oscar Nesvig**



**Sen. Donald G. Nutter**

**G. M. Moss**—Whitefish, Flathead county. Born February 1, 1884, in Forest City, Mo.; came to Montana in August 1912; graduate of Drake university, University of Chicago and did graduate work at Columbia university; Republican; member of the Masonic Order; editor and publisher; served eight sessions in the House and five in the Senate; was president pro tempore and majority floor leader in the 1949 session in the Senate; delegate to the Republican national convention in 1928; married Hallie C. Price and is the father of two sons; former captain of the Missouri National Guard.

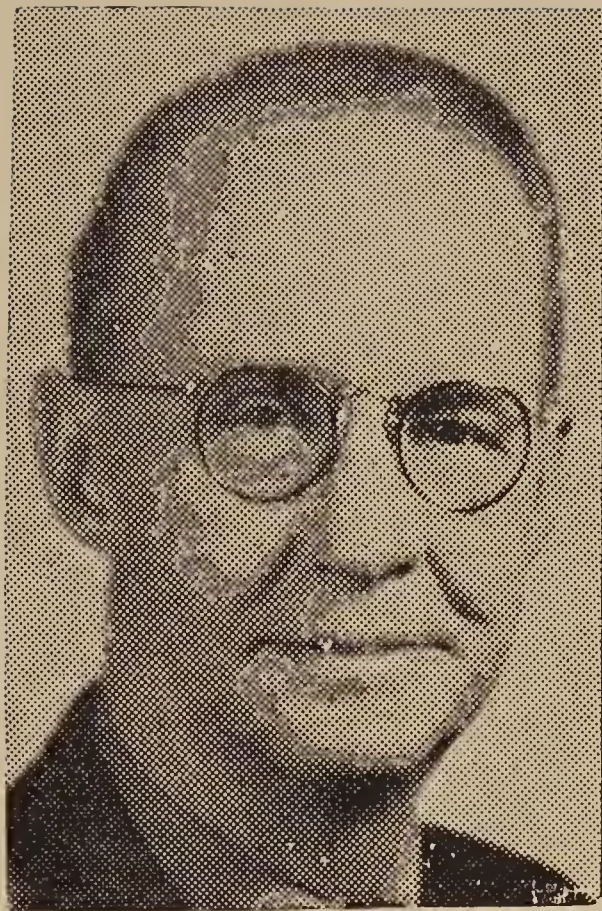
**Oscar Nesvig**—Wibaux, Wibaux county. Born July 31, 1893, at Buxton, N. D.; came to Montana in 1911; educated at Crookston college, University of North Dakota and National university, Washington, D. C.; Democrat (Independent); member of the Masons, Shrine and Lions club; lawyer; former North Dakota legislator; unmarried.

**Donald G. Nutter**—Sidney, Richland county. Born November 28, 1915, at Lambert, Mont.; educated in the Sidney public schools, North Dakota Science and the University of Montana; Republican; member of Masonic, Moose and Elks lodges; implement dealer; married Maxine Trotter and is the father of one child; had three years military service.





**Sen. Fred H. Padbury**



**Sen. Edwin F. Parriott**

**Fred H. Padbury**—Helena, Lewis and Clark county. Born in Marysville, Mont., in 1894; educated in Marysville and the Denver School of Pharmacy; Republican; member of the Masonic bodies; pharmacist; served in the House six sessions and the Senate one; married Garnette Oliver and is the father of two children.

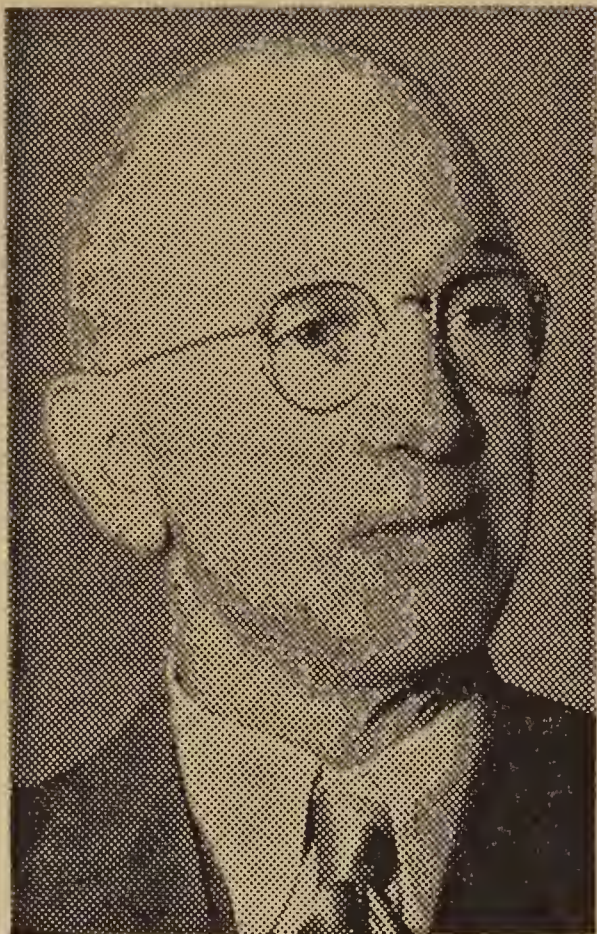
**Edwin F. Parriott**—Livingston, Park county. Born November 11, 1882, at Burlington, Iowa; came to Montana in 1905; educated in New London, Iowa, high school and Iowa Wesleyan university; Democrat; Masonic lodge, Shrine and the Elks; hardware business; married Chassie Dell Fraker and is the father of three children.

**Mrs. B. M. Phillips**—Landusky, Phillips county. Born April 28, 1896, in Boone county, Ind.; came to Montana in 1914; educated in Indiana; Democrat; member of the Eastern Star, past president VFW auxiliary, Legion auxiliary, Womans Federated club, First American Teepee club, president Little Rockies Civic club and other organizations; by profession is a nurse and housewife; served in the Senate in 1949; congressional Democratic central committee-woman and Red Cross home service; married and the mother of two children.



**Mrs. B. M. Phillips**

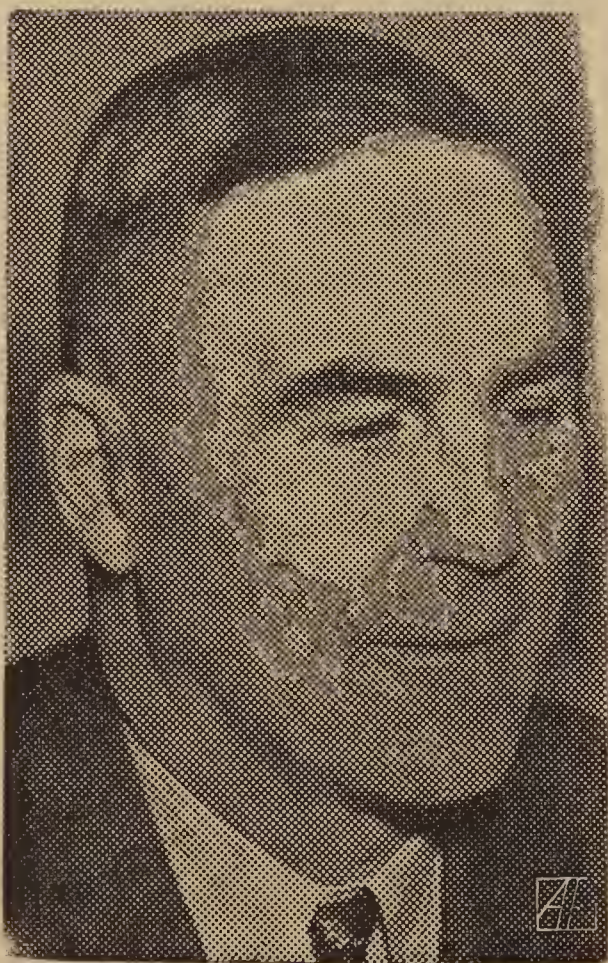




**Sen. Paul R. Rice**



**Sen. Edward R. Roehl**



**Sen. Thomas A. Ross**

**Paul R. Rice**—Bynum, Teton county. Born December 13, 1889, at Independence, Mo.; educated in the common schools; Democrat; member of the Royal Arch Order of Masons; farmer; served four sessions in the Senate, 1943 to 1951; married Olga D. Johnson and is the father of eight children.

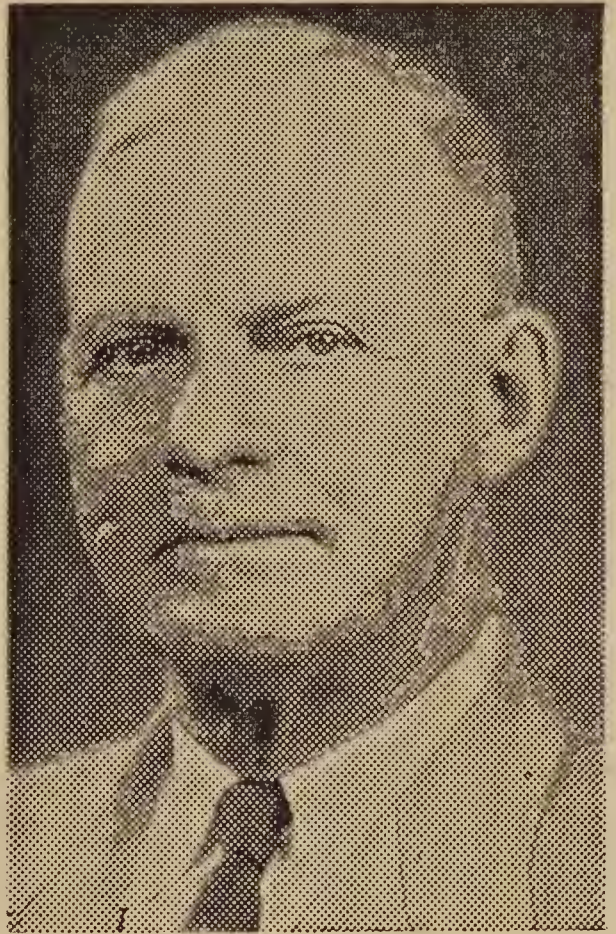
**Edward Richard Roehl**—Lewistown, Fergus county. Born December 28, 1884, at Friend, Neb.; came to Montana March 1912; educated Nebraska Business college at York, Neb.; Republican; member of the Masons, Shrine, Elks and Eagles lodges; rancher and stockman, and in the automobile business from 1912 to 1942; served two terms in the legislature, 1939 and 1941; mayor of Lewistown eight years; married Eva E. Wilson and is the father of two girls and one boy.

**Thomas A. Ross**—Chinook, Blaine county. Born July 29, 1895, at Havre, Mont.; educated in Chinook schools and the Montana State college; Republican; member of Sigma Chi fraternity, Masons, Elks and Shrine; rancher; served in the House in 1929 and 1931; president of the Montana Stockgrowers association, 1935; married Marcy Angell and is the father of three children; served in World War I.





**Sen. Henry J. Sawtell**



**Sen. Willis B. Spear, Jr.**

**Henry Jacob Sawtell**—Miles City, Custer county. Born August 2, 1885, at Pierre, S. D.; came to Montana October 1913; educated at the Illinois Institute of Technology; Republican; member of Masons and Elks lodges; retail lumber dealer; served in the 1945, 1947 and 1949 sessions in the Senate; married Winifred Powers and is the father of one daughter.

**Willis B. Spear**—Kirby, Big Horn county. Born January 7, 1888, at Big Horn, Wyo.; came to Montana in 1907; educated in Big Horn and Sheridan high schools; Republican; member of the Elks lodge; rancher; served in the Senate in 1947 and 1949; former sheriff of Big Horn county in 1935 and 1936; married Ruth Henderson.

**Harry Allen Tibbals**—Saltese, Mineral county. Born October 22, 1889, at Murray, Idaho; came to Montana in 1892; educated in Spokane city schools; Democrat; member of Masonic lodge, post commander American Legion Post No. 82, Eastern Star and Elks lodges; retired general store operator; served in 1949 session of the legislature; county commissioner, 1947 and 1948; married Charlotte Harper and is the father of one child; served in World War I.



**Sen. Harry A. Tibbals**

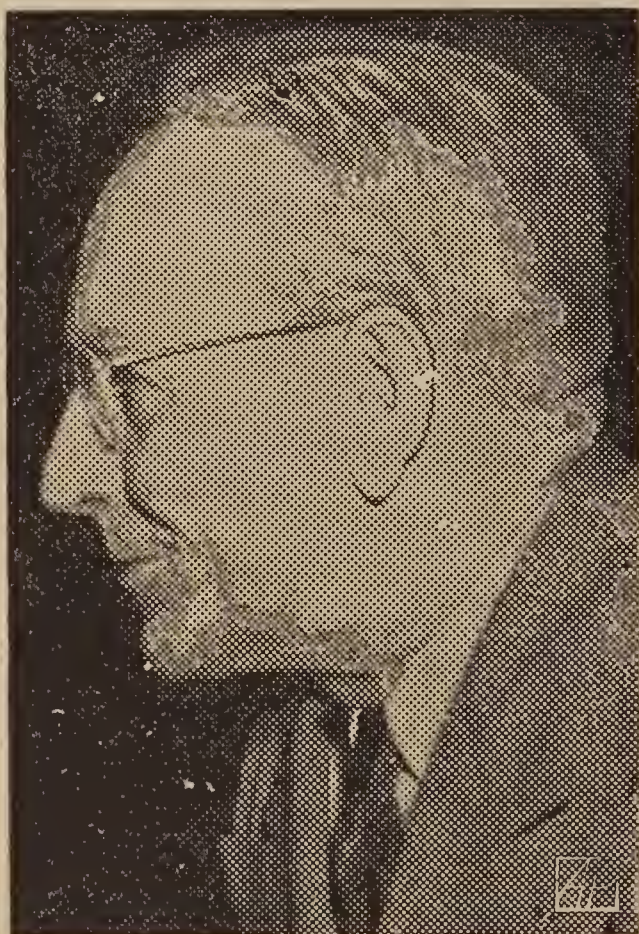




**Sen. J. Fred Toman**



**Sen. Don F. Valiton**



**Sen. S. B. Wallander**

**James Fred Toman**—Bowers, Powder River county. Born March 21, 1886, in Utica, Neb.; came to Montana in July 1908; attended high schools at Pierce and York, Neb., and Gates academy at Neligh, Neb.; Republican; member of the Masonic lodge; rancher; served in the Senate since 1941; was school trustee; married Rose Marsh.

**Don F. Valiton**—Deer Lodge, Powell county. Born July 22, 1914, in Deer Lodge; attended Powell high school, Billings Polytechnic institute and Montana State college; Republican; member of the Elks, Kiwanis, American Legion and Moose lodges; insurance and real estate; served in the House in session of 947 and in the Senate session of 1949; married Margaret Brooks and has one child; served 39 months in the United States army air force.

**S. B. Wallander**—Froid, Roosevelt county. Born December 19, 1892, in Crookston, Minn.; came to Montana in 1914; attended Union Commercial college in Grand Forks, N. D.; Republican; member of Masons, Odd Fellows and Elks; banking, farming, ranching; served in the Senate since 1943; married to Elna N. Scott and has four children.





**Sen. Edward A. Wenger**



**Sen. Winton Weydemeyer**

**Edward A. Wenger**—Anaconda, Deer Lodge county. Born January 6, 1887, in Wisdom, Mont.; attended Anaconda high school and the University of Montana; Democrat; member of the Masons and Elks; owner of apartment house; served four terms in the House and now serving second term in the Senate; served in World War I.

**Winton Weydemeyer**—Fortine, Lincoln county. Born March 19, 1903, in Cass City, Mich.; came to Montana in May, 1903; attended Fortine public school, Lincoln county high school and Montana State college; Republican; member of Order of Patrons of Husbandry; rancher; no previous legislative service; unmarried.

**George W. Wilson**—Shelby, Toole county. Born May 2, 1884, in Sioux, Neb.; arrived in Montana in March 1912; attended common and high schools in Nebraska; Democrat; member of the Elks and American Legion; stockman and wheat farmer; twelve years previous service in the Senate; was county commissioner of Toole county; married to Grace O. Tribble; served more than 10 years in army and national guard.



**Sen. Geo. W. Wilson**





Sen. H. H. K. Wilson



Sen. W. J. Winters



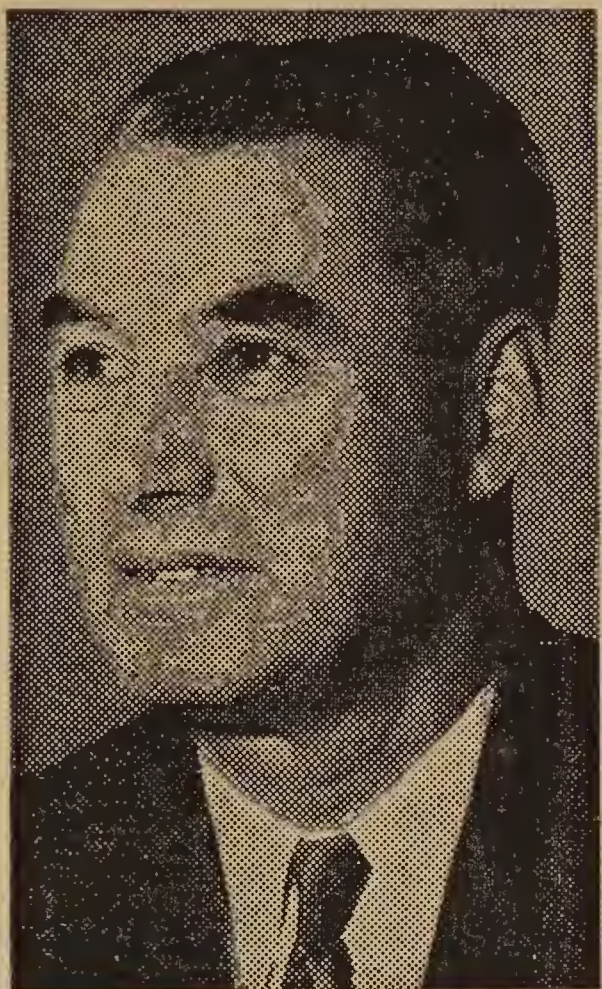
Sen. Donovan Worden

**H. H. K. Wilson**—Red Lodge, Carbon county. Born August 12, 1914, in Saskatoon, Canada; came to Montana in 1943; attended Kent State and Ottawa Technical; Democrat; member of Masons, Elks and Eagles; merchant; served in the Senate in 1949; married Alice Louise Bracken and has two boys and one girl; served in 2nd batallion, Cameron Highlander Active militia in Canada.

**W. J. Winters**—Stevensville, Ravalli county. Born November 6, 1894, in Soldier, Idaho; came to Montana in 1919; attended high school in Deming, N. M.; Republican; past master of Masonic lodge; rancher; served in the House, 1941 and 1943, an din the Senate, 1947, 1949 and 1951; married Helen Bates and has a daughter, Lois, and son, Jimmy; served in World War I 22 months.

**Donovan Worden**—Missoula, Missoula county. Born on March 23, 1893, in Missoula; attended Missoula county high school and Montana State university; Republican; member of Harmony No. 49, AF&AM, Missoula Consistory and Shrine; lawyer; served in House 1935 and in Senate 1947 and 1949; was county attorney for Missoula county from 1931-1935; married Mae Pope and has two children.





**Lou E. Bretzke**  
**Secretary of the Senate**

#### **SECRETARY OF THE SENATE**

**Lou E. Bretzke**—Polson, Lake county; formerly of Glasgow, Valley county; secretary of the Senate; born August 19, 1895, in Glasgow, and attended Glasgow high and Northwestern university; Republican; member of the Masonic fraternity; former woolgrower, now clerical; member of the House, 1927 and 1929, from Valley county; was clerk and recorder of Valley county from 1921 through 1926; married Verge-Le Scott; has a son at West Point academy and a married daughter; served in World War II and is a lieutenant colonel in the infantry reserve.

#### **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**

**Harrys S. Whitcomb**—Malta, Phillips county. Sergeant-at-Arms; born July 2, 1886, in St. Paul, Minn.; came to Montana July 17, 1906; attended grade and high school and business college; Republican; an insurance and real estate man; served as assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Senate, 1915-1943; Sergeant-at-Arms, 1945, 1947 and 1949, Senate; assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, House, 1927-1931; Sergeant-at-Arms, House, 1929; county commissioner, Phillips county, 1915 to 1925; married Florence E. Morrow and has three children.



**Harry S. Whitcomb**  
**Sergeant-at-Arms**







# The House of Representatives

Thirty-Second Assembly





**Rep. Ory J. Armstrong**



**Rep. Jos. A. McElwain**

#### **SPEAKER**

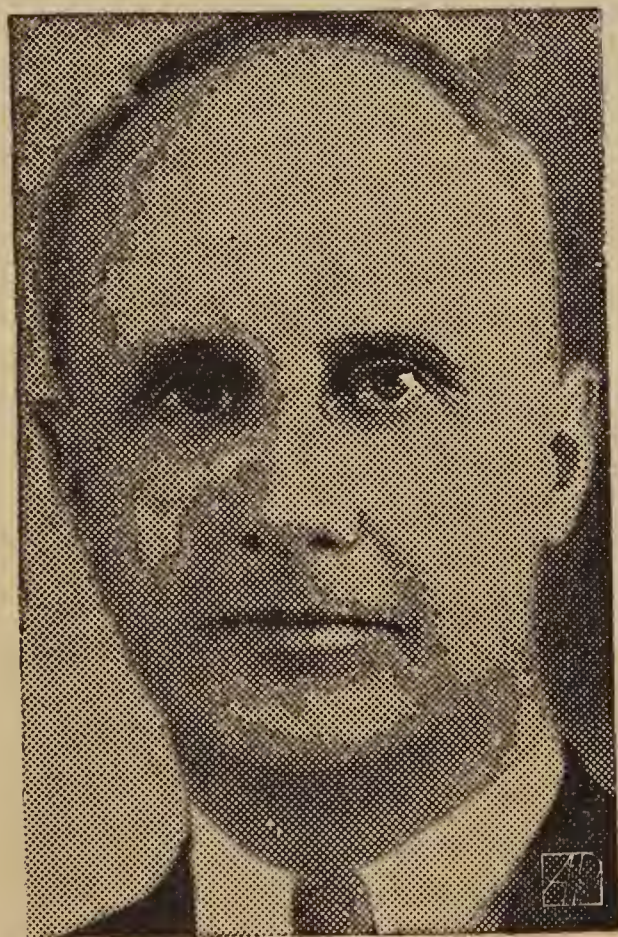
**Ory J. Armstrong**—Kalispell, Flathead county. Born May 27, 1893, at Choteau, Mont. Attended Choteau public and high schools and University of Iowa; Republican; member of the Masons, Elks and American Legion; fire and casualty general agent. Was a member of the House in 1939, 1941, 1945, 1947 and 1949; is a member of the Kalispell city council and school board; is married to Eva Kittelsrud and has a son and daughter; Served 18 months overseas in World War I as lieutenant in the infantry.

#### **MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER**

**Joseph A. McElwain**—Deer Lodge, Powell county. Born November 13, 1919, at Deer Lodge. Attended Powell county high school and Montana State university; Republican; member of the Elks, Masonic lodge and Knights of Pythias; lawyer; a member of the 1949 legislature; married to Mary Cleaver Witt. Served in World War II and in Korea, from September 30 to November 22, 1950.

#### **MINORITY FLOOR LEADER**

**Leo C. Graybill**—Great Falls, Cascade county. Born July 23, 1894, at Shelbyville, Ill., and came to Montana in 1920; attended James Milliken university, Decatur, Ill., and University of Chicago; is a Democrat; member of Masonic lodge, Shrine, Eagles, Knights of Pythias; lawyer; served in 1943, 1945, 1947 and 1949 legislative sessions and was speaker of the House in the 1949 session; city attorney of Belt; city attorney of Great Falls and chief deputy county attorney, Cascade county; married Atta Hutchinson; has one son and one daughter; served as lieutenant in the infantry in World War I.



**Rep. Leo C. Graybill**





**Rep. Earl C. Ammerman**



**Rep. L. J. Anders**



**Earl C. Ammerman**—Livingston, Park county. Born June 16, 1904, in Sweet Grass county; Democrat; member of Masonic bodies and Algeria Shrine; lawyer; has had no previous legislative experience; served as county attorney, Park county, 1939-1944, inclusive; married Frances V. Black; has one child; served in Marine corps during World War II.

**L. J. Anders**—Townsend, Broadwater county; Born January 22, 1896, at Centerville, Iowa; came to Montana September 1, 1925; Republican; Mason; retired merchant; has had no previous legislative experience; was mayor of Townsend from 1937-1941; married Sigma E. Quist; has one child; served in World War I.

**Volney Andersen**—Sidney, Richland county. Born October 2, 1897, at Hutchinson, Minn.; came to Montana September 1, 1912; attended Hutchinson grade and high schools; Democrat; member of the Elks and American Legion; farmer; member of the 1949 legislative session; member of the school board and reclamation board; married Aldyth Baardson; has two children; served in World War I.



**Rep. Volney Andersen**





Rep. Geo. D. Anderson



Rep. Cedor B. Aronow



Rep. A. L. Atkinson

**George D. Anderson**—Great Falls, Cascade county. Born October 14, 1923, at Great Falls; attended Great Falls public schools and Montana state school for the blind; Democrat; member of the Knights of Columbus and Toastmasters club; self-employed merchant; has had no previous legislative experience; married Marian Shepherd; has one child.

**Cedor B. Aronow**—Shelby, Toole county. Born September 2, 1910, at Odessa, Russia; came to Montana in 1912; attended University of Washington; Democrat; member of the VFW, American Legion, Moose, Elks and Eagles; lawyer and operates a radio station; member of the 1949 legislature; served as county attorney of Toole county from 1937 to 1943; married Jane G. Kaster; has three children; served in Marine corps in World War II and in Korea in 1950.

**A. L. (Roy) Atkinson**—Ronan, Lake county. Born September 13, 1888, at Dubuque, Iowa; came to Montana in 1910; attended grade and high school in Iowa; Republican; member of the Masons, Elks and Lions; stockman-farmer; member of three previous legislative sessions; has been a member of the school board from 1945; is married and has three children.





**Rep. Sam Babich**



**Rep. Lloyd Barnard**



**Sam Babich**—Butte, Silver Bow county. Born March 31, 1916, at Butte and attended Butte high school, Long Beach junior college and George Washington university; Democrat; general insurance business; married Virginia Riddle and has five children; served with the navy in World War II.

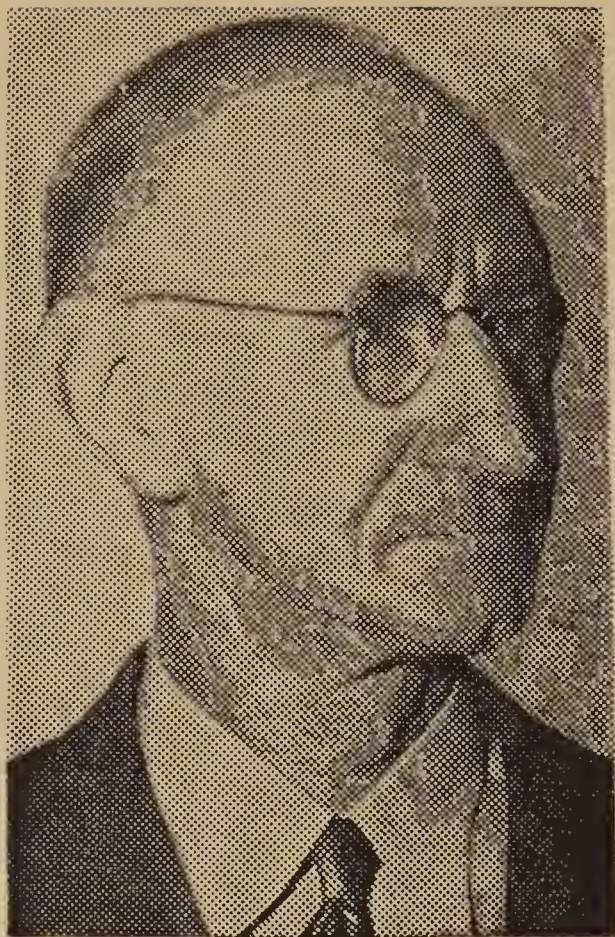
**Lloyd Barnard**—Saco, Valley county. Born October 29, 1904, in Virginia and came to Montana in 1910; attended Bowdoin high school; Democrat; member of the IOOF; farmer; member of the 1945 and 1949 legislative sessions; married Ethel Koss; has four children.

**Fred E. Barrett**—Chester, Liberty conty. Born November 22, 1919, at Missoula; attended Missoula grade and high schools and Montana State university; is a Democrat; a member of the Elks and VFW; wheat farmer; has no previous legislative experience; married Ruth Plank; has two children; four years service in World War II.

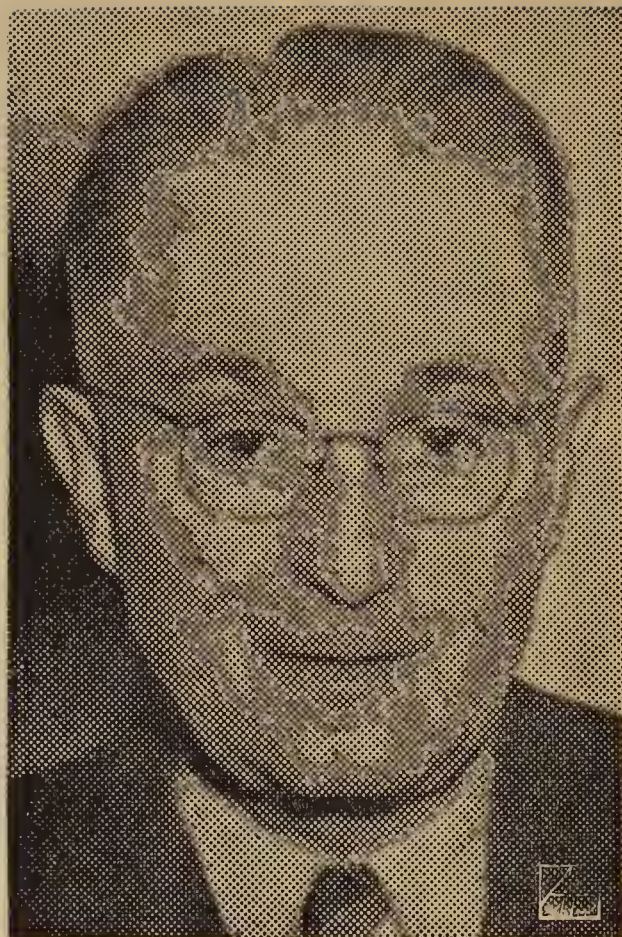


**Rep. Fred E. Barrett**





**Rep. Martin J. Beck**



**Rep. Alex Blewett**



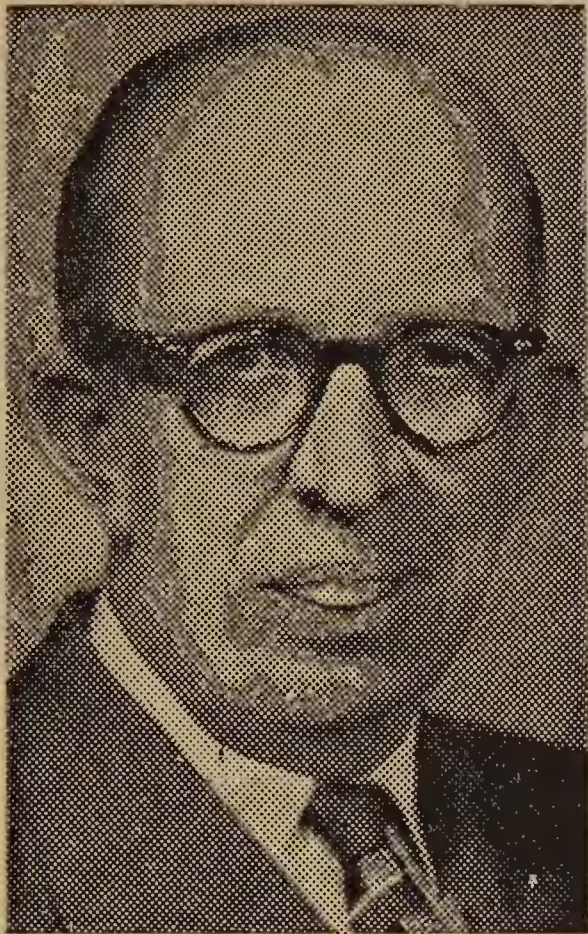
**Rep. Resner Blikken**

**Martin J. Beck**—Wolf Point, McCone county. Born May 10, 1886, at Chicago; came to Montana March 27, 1915; attended grade and high schools in Chicago; Democrat; Mason; farmer; served in the 1939, 1941, 1943, 1947 and 1949 legislative sessions member of the school board for 18 years; is married and has three children.

**Alex Blewett**—Butte, Silver Bow county. Born June 27, 1885, at Austin, Nev.; came to Montana November 19, 1892; attended Butte high school, International Correspondence and LaSalle Extension university; Republican; member of the Masons Zabud council, Deer Lodge chapter, Commandery, Shrine (Bagdad temple); accountant and insurance man; served in the 1931, 1943, 1945 and 1947 sessions; married Ethel May Brown; has four children.

**Resner Blikken**—Opheim, Valley county. Born July 4, 1896, at Viroqua, Wis.; came to Montana in 1910; attended schools in Viroqua, Wis., and Savoy, Mont.; Democrat; member of the Masonic lodge; farmer-stockman; member of the 1947 legislature; president of the Montana State Rural Electric Cooperative association, director on National Rural Electric Cooperative association, and chairman of the soil conservation district board; married Ella Hammerness.





**Rep. D. C. Bradley**

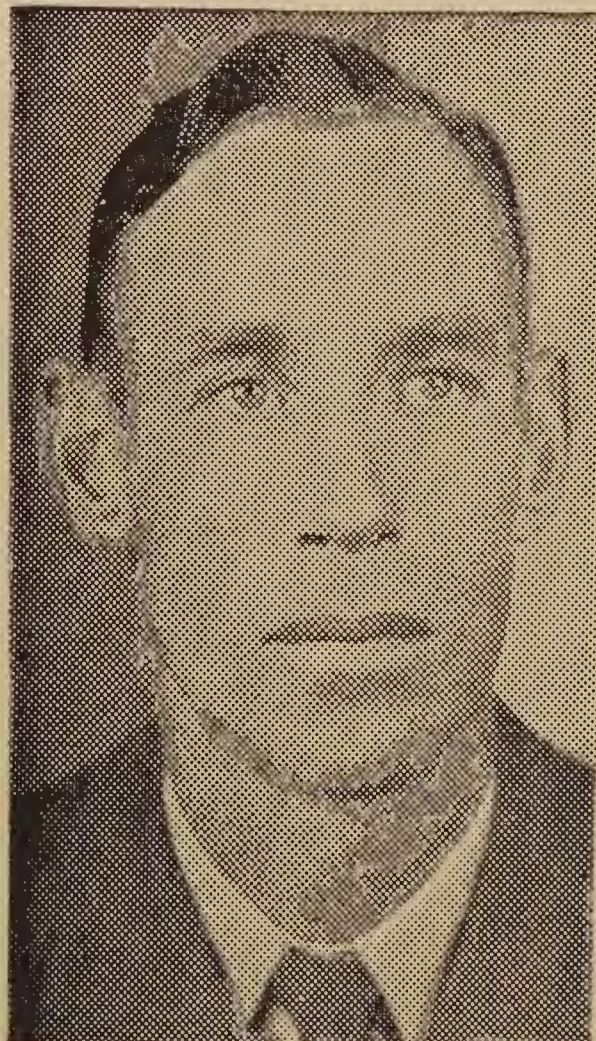


**Rep. J. S. Brenner**

**D. C. Bradley**—Terry, Prairie county. Born September 5, 1891, in Iowa; came to Montana in August 1914; attended grade and high school in Iowa; Republican; member of the Masons, Shrine; abstracter; member of the House in 1947; married Grace I. Bartley; has one child.

**J. S. Brenner**—Grant, Beaverhead county. Born January 2, 1911, at Elgin, Ill.; came to Montana in May, 1911; attended New Mexico Military, Montana State and University of Pennsylvania; Republican; member of Elks lodge and Phi Kappa Psi fraternity; cattle rancher; was a member of the 1949 legislature; married Frances Ford; has one daughter; O. R. C. from 1927 to 1930.

**Ben Brownfield**—Hammond, Carter county. Born January 23, 1912, at Pinicle, Mont. attended high school; Republican; a member of the Masonic lodge; a rancher; married Elizabeth Ludham and has two children.

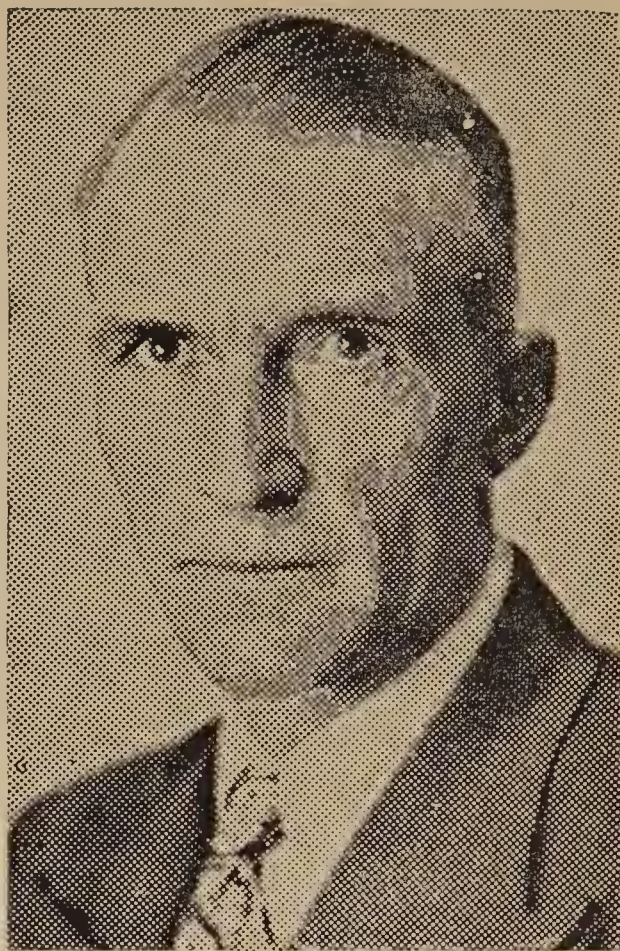


**Rep. Ben Brownfield**





Rep. Earl E. Clark



Rep. Ralph F. Cook



Rep. Dan H. Corcoran

**Earl E. Clark**—Roundup, Musselshell county. Born October 23, 1894, in Moscow, Idaho; came to Montana March 24, 1914; attended business college in Moscow, Idaho; Democrat; member of the Moose and Knights of Pythias lodges; cattle rancher; served in the 1927 and 1949 legislatures; served on Production Credit Board, War Board and Planning Board; married Florence S. Haney and has two daughters.

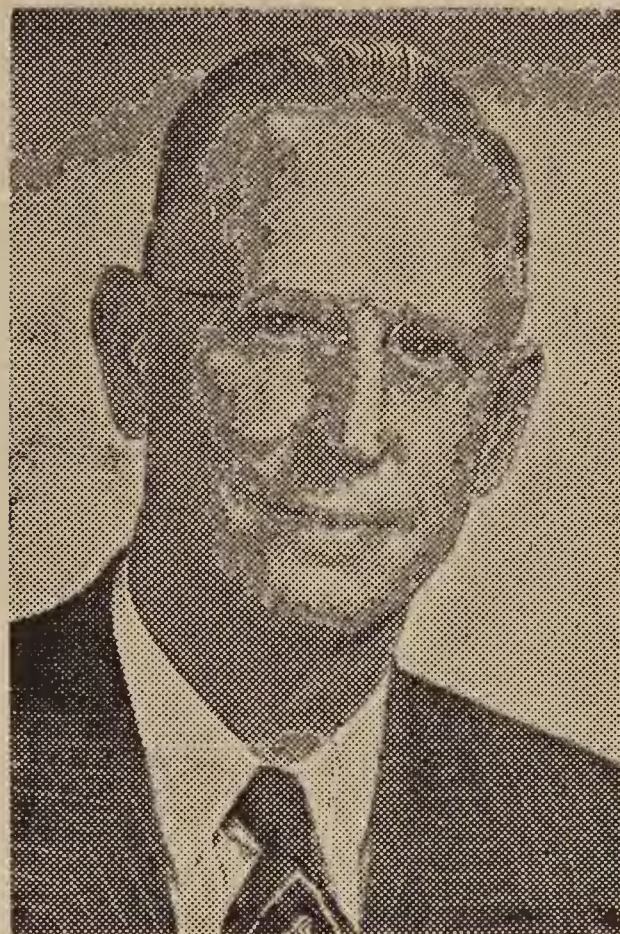
**Ralph F. Cook**—Belt, Cascade county. Born July 10, 1898, at Shawana, Wis.; came to Montana July 1, 1916; attended Topeka, Kan., high school; is a Democrat; a rancher; was a member of the 1927 legislature; married Margaret Mitchell and has five children.

**Dan H. Corcoran**—Ryegate, Golden Valley county. Born April 8, 1883, at Prescott, Wis.; came to Montana in March, 1905; attended Prescott high school and Southern Normal, Auston, Minn.; Republican; member of Temple 101, AF&AM, 32°, Great Falls Consistory; retired rancher and stockman; member of the 30th and 31st legislatures; served as undersheriff in Fergus county; married Nellie Warren and has six children. Five children served in World War II.





**Rep. William S. Cowley**



**Rep. C. L. Crist**



**William S. Cowley**—Forsyth, Rosebud county. Born April 10, 1912, at Conrad, Mont.; attended Conrad high school and Montana State university; Republican; member of the Knights of Columbus; farmer and contractor; has had no previous legislative service; married Betty Cunningham and has two children.

**C. L. Crist**—Billings, Yellowstone county. Born August 21, 1890, at Big Spring, Tex.; came to Montana in October 1936; attended Cotner college, Lincoln, Neb.; Republican; Mason; insulation, radio and ranching; has no previous legislative service; married Clara Sumovich and has three children.

**Herman H. Dokken**—Bozeman, Gallatin county. Born May 19, 1894, at Kenyon, Minn., and came to Montana in 1914; attended Montana State college; Republican; member of AF&AM, Shrine, Elks, IOOF and OES; funeral director; member of the 1949 legislature; county coroner from 1932 to 1934; married Myrtle E. Wick and has three children; served during World War I.

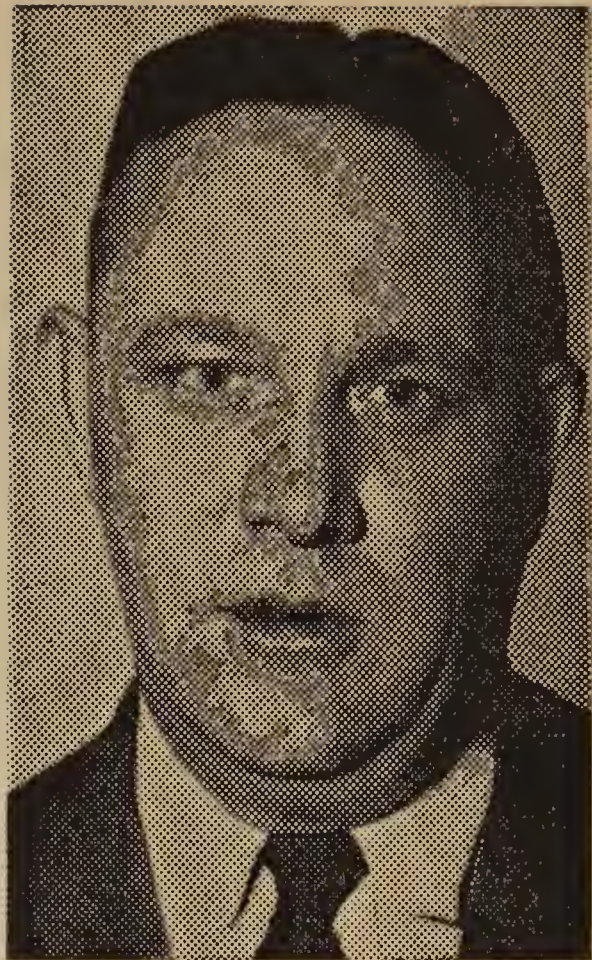


**Rep. Herman H. Dokken**





**Rep. Robert G. Dwyer**



**Rep. John M. Emmons**



**Rep. Leonard Esp**

**Robert G. Dwyer**—Butte, Silver Bow county. Born November 14, 1917, at Butte; attended Gonzaga university, Spokane, and Georgetown law school, Washington, D. C.; Democrat; member of the Elks, Eagles, K of C, American Legion and VFW; an attorney; was a member of the 30th and 31st legislatures; married Elizabeth R. Clancy and has one child; served four years with the army infantry during World War II.

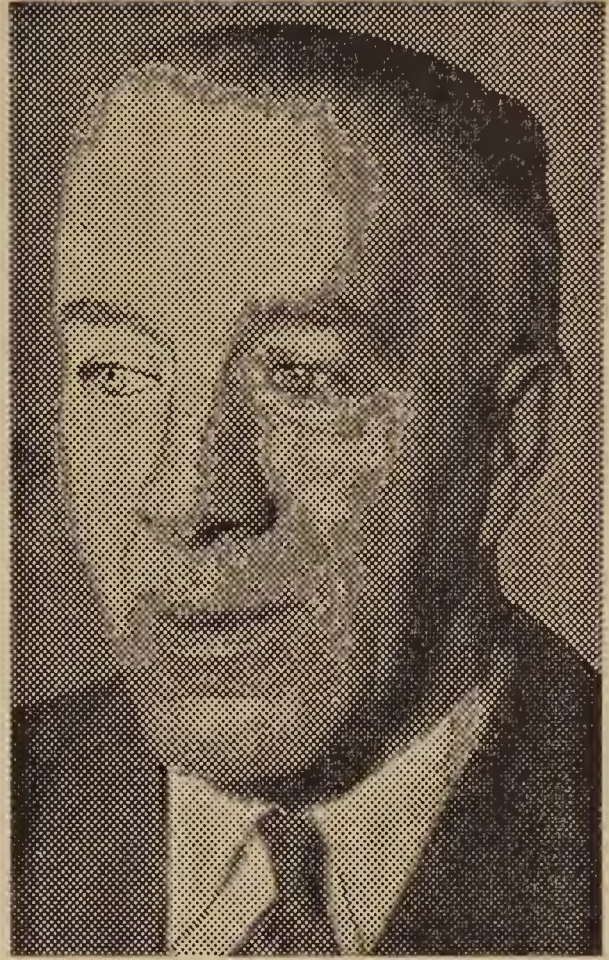
**John M. Emmons**—Anaconda, Deer Lodge county. Born December 19, 1905, at Anaconda, and attended Anaconda high school; member of the Eagles lodge; financial secretary for Anaconda Mill & Smeltermen's union; served in 30th and 31st legislatures; married Mayme Groark and has one son.

**Leonard Esp**—Big Timber, Sweet Grass county. Born November 13, 1895, at Big Timber, Mont.; attended Concordia college and Spokane college; Republican; farmer and rancher; has been a member of five previous sessions of the legislature; married Myrtle McInerney and has four children.





**Rep. Edward J. Foley**

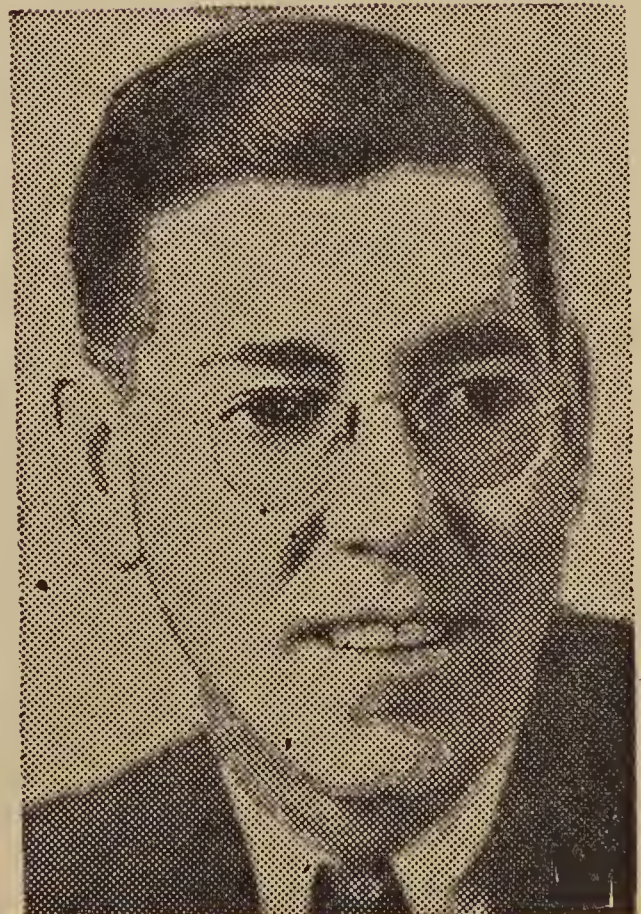


**Rep. Walter C. Freshman**

**Edward J. Foley**—Butte, Silver Bow county. Born November 18, 1911, at Butte. Attended St. Edward's grade school, Notre Dame, Ind.; St. Edward's high school, Austin, Tex.; one year St. Edward's university, Austin, Tex.; one year Carroll college, Helena; graduate of Bentley School of Accounting and Finance, Boston, Mass.; Democrat; member of the Knights of Columbus and Serra club; accountant and athletic director; was a member of the 1949 legislature; married M. Ruth Sullivan and has five children.

**Walter C. Freshman**—Butte, Silver Bow county. Born July 6, 1894, at Butte; attended Butte high school and Montana School of Mines; Democrat; member of the Masons, Royal Arch, Commandery, Shrine; geologist and mining engineer; was a member of the House in the 25th, 26th, 27th and 29th sessions; Butte city alderman 1934-1935; married Mary O'Donnell and has four children; served in World War I.

**Frank F. Fulton**—Plevna, Fallon county. Born May 15, 1915, at Ismay, Mont.; attended Ismay grade and high school, Montana university and Dakota business college, Fargo, N. D.; Republican; rancher; has had no previous legislative service; married Loretta Leirdahl and has two children.

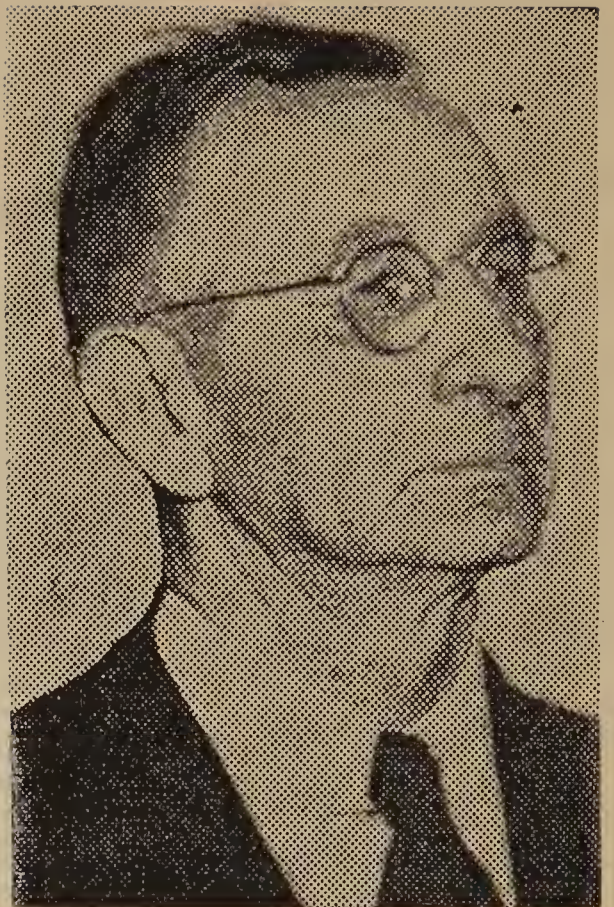


**Rep. Frank F. Fulton**





Rep. Ralph H. Gebhardt



Rep. Allen Goodgame



Rep. Clifford E. Haines

**Ralph H. Gebhardt**—Billings, Yellowstone county. Born December 13, 1894, at Palmyra, Wis., and came to Montana May 16, 1916; attended Wisconsin Business university; Republican; Mason, Shrine and Elks; traveling freight agent; served in the 1937, 1941, 1943, 1945, 1947 and 1949 legislatures; married Jessie Mae Agnew and has one son; served two years overseas in World War I.

**Allen Goodgame**—Troy, Lincoln county. Born March 8, 1883, at Athens, Tex., and came to Montana August 1, 1921; attended Stamford college, Stamford, Tex.; Democrat; a member of the Masons, Shrine, Woodsman; was a member of the 31st legislature; is single.

**Clifford E. Haines**—Creston, Flathead county. Born October 6, 1897, at Tabor, Iowa, and came to Montana March 3, 1902; attended Flathead county schools; Republican; member of the Elks lodge; farmer; was a member of the 30th legislature; a widower and has one child.





**Rep. Thos. F. Haines**



**Rep. Norris E. Hanford**

**Thomas F. Haines**—Missoula, Missoula county. Born March 4, 1903, at Rockport, Ill., and came to Montana in September, 1918; attended the University of Montana; Republican; member of the Masons, Elks, UCT and Moose; a retail grocer; is Republican county chairman, Montana delegate to 1948 Republican national convention, a member of the Montana Trade commission; married Edna May Bolin and has one son.

**Norris E. Hanford**—Fort Benton, Chouteau county. Born October 12, 1918, at Fort Benton; attended Whitman college, Walla Walla, Wash.; Republican; Mason; a wheat farmer; married Dorothy Ritter and has two children; naval aviator World War II, 1941-1945.

**John Harpster**—Glendive, Dawson county. Born February 16, 1893, at Glendive, and attended Glendive schools; Republican; stockman-farmer; member of the 1949 legislature; married Cornelia Vanderhoof and has four children.



**Rep. John Harpster**

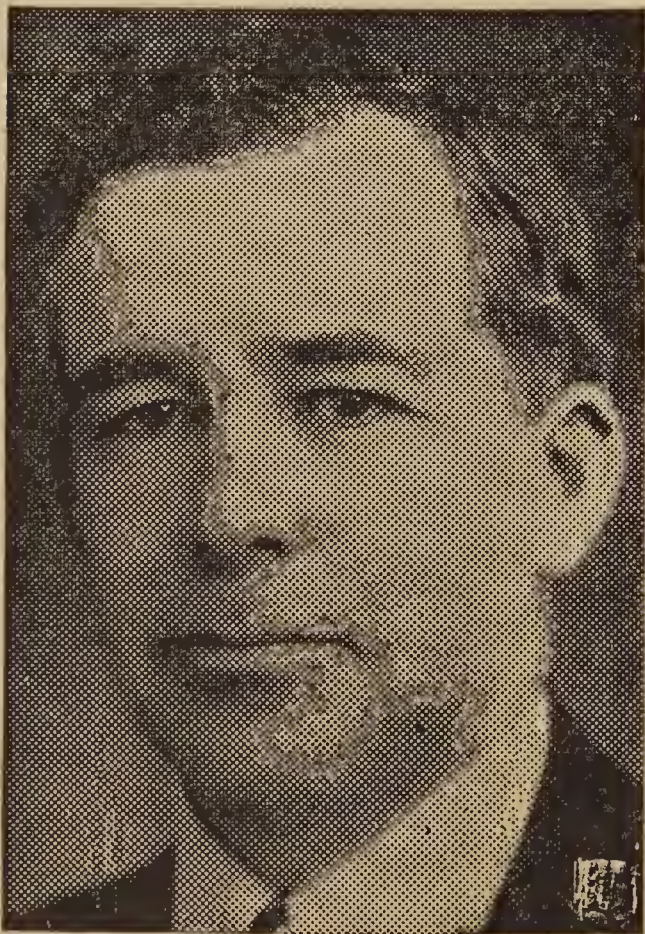




**Rep. Clifford J. Hauge**



**Rep. Clyde L. Hawks**



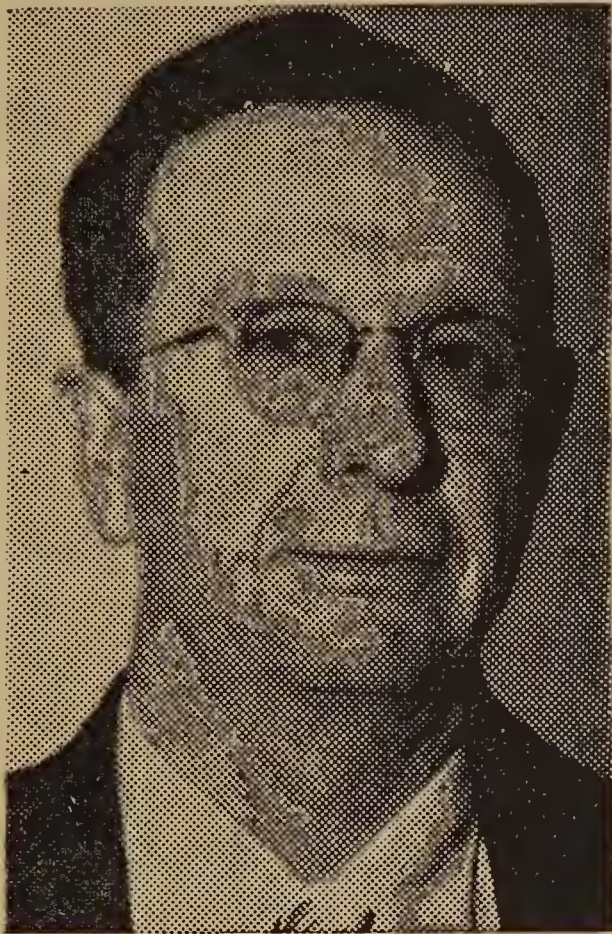
**Rep. Harmon H. Hess**

**Clifford J. Hauge**—Paradise, Sanders county. Born August 11, 1909, at Paradise, and attended grade school in Paradise; two years Kemper military school, Booneville, Mo., and received BEE at University of Minnesota; Republican; Mason and Shriner; merchant; married Ruth V. Coshow; seven years duty with CCC.

**Clyde L. Hawks**—St. Xavier, Big Horn county. Born May 23, 1918, at Billings; attended Montana State college; Republican; member of St. John Lodge No. 92, AF&AM, and IOOF; a rancher and was a member of the 1949 legislature; an REA and SCD director; married Dolly O. Paulson and has five children.

**Harmon H. Hess**—Havre, Hill county. Born March 24, 1891, at Mansfield, Ohio, and came to Montana in November 1923; attended grade schools and high school; Democrat; member of the Eagles lodge; farmer; member of the 25th, 26th, 27th and 31st legislatures; school trustee from 1932-1949; married Viola May Emery and has one child.





**Rep. Dave M. Higgins**

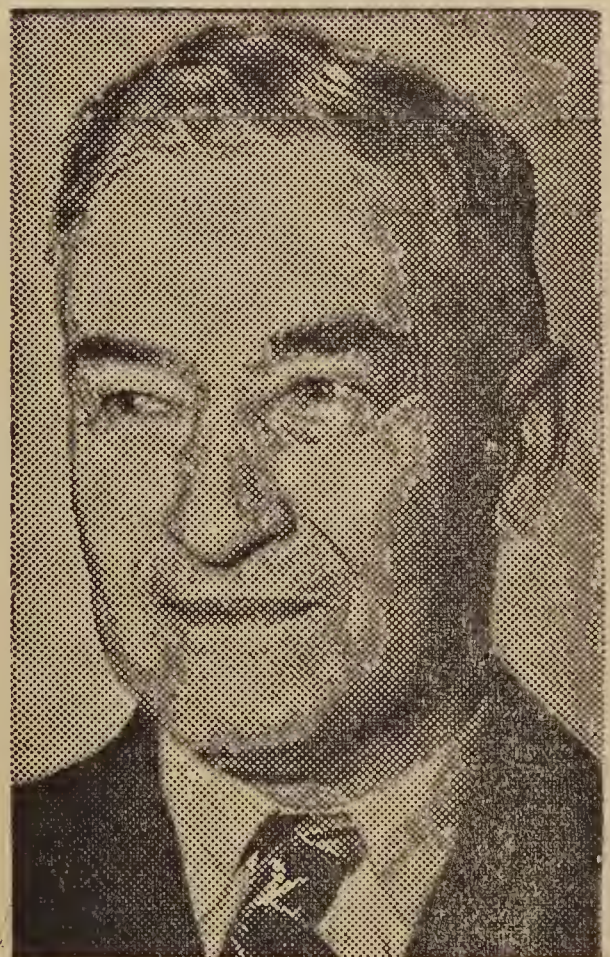


**Rep. Ronald W. Holtz**

**Dave M. Higgins**—Cut Bank, Glacier county. Born May 18, 1801, in Glacier county and attended Cut Bank schools; Republican; rancher; married Alice Bird and has five children.

**Ronald W. Holtz**—Floweree, Cascade county. Born March 29, 1908, at Weiser, Idaho, and came to Montana in September 1914; attended country grade school and Great Falls high school; a Democrat; farmer; was a member of the 1949 legislature; member of the Cascade county AAA committee 1946, 1947 and 1948; married Charlotte R. Lewis, has two children.

**Joseph Iten**—Hamilton, Ravalli county. Born December 13, 1880, in Switzerland and came to Montana March 18, 1900; attended grade school; Republican; a member of the Elks and Eagles; general contractor; was mayor of Hamilton from 1939-1949; is married, has five children.



**Rep. Joseph Iten**

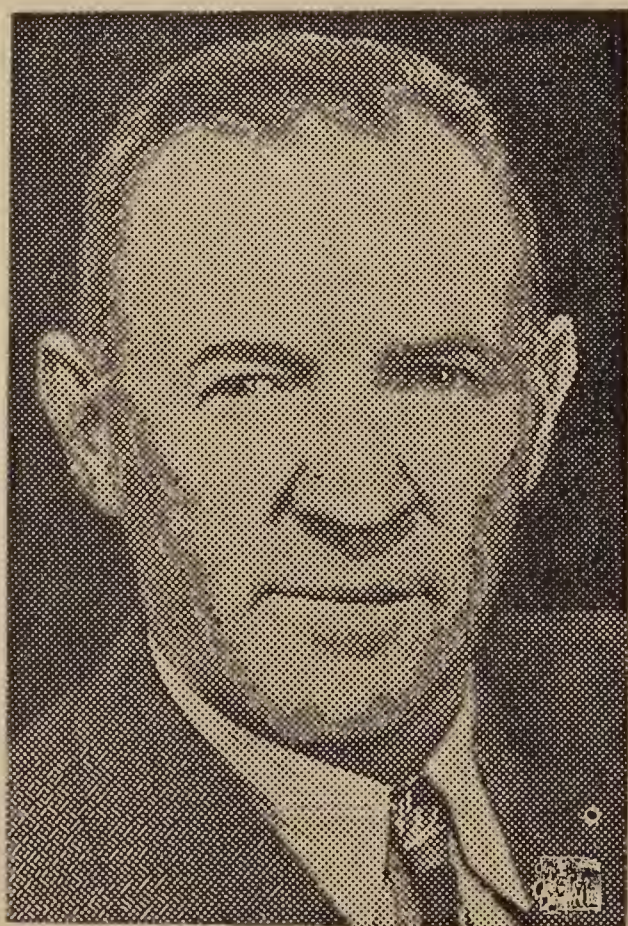




**Rep. A. N. Jensen, Sr.**



**Rep. John Karlberg**



**Rep. John H. Leuthold**

**Arthur N. Jensen, Sr.**—Superior, Mineral county. Born December 26, 1896, at Waukegan, Ill., and came to Montana in 1917; attended School of Engineering, Milwaukee, Wis.; Democrat; Mason and motion picture exhibitor and hotel operator; was a member of the 31st legislature; alderman in Superior; married Hazel Miller and has five children.

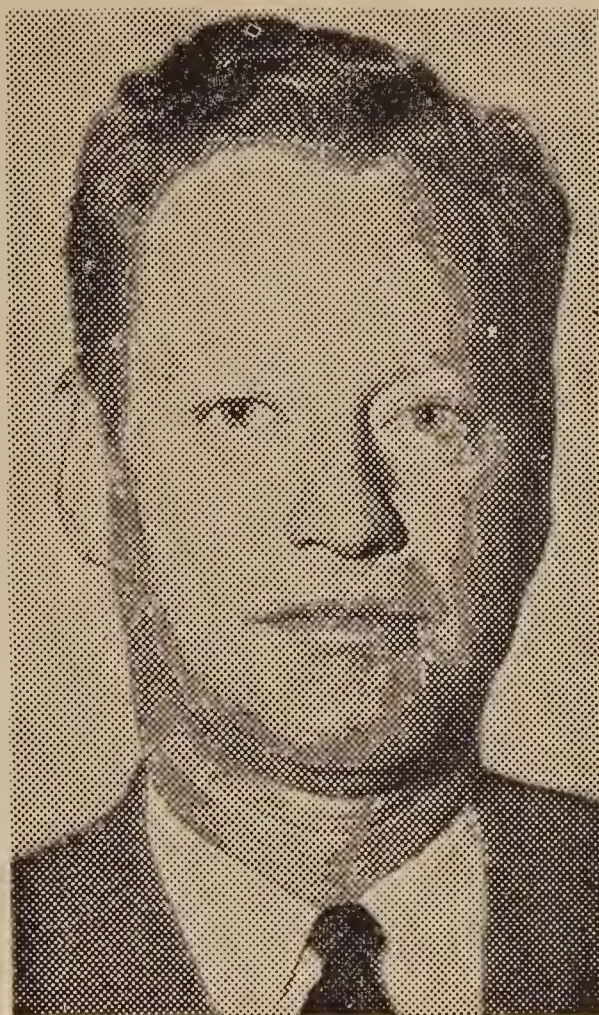
**John Karlberg**—Missoula, Missoula county. Born September 12, 1893, in Sweden and came to Montana October 19, 1910; attended public schools; a Democrat; a Mason, Scottish Rite, Shrine, OES, Moose, Order of Vada and the Carpenters union; building contractor; was a member of the 1947 and 1949 legislatures; school trustee since 1944; married Sophie Johnson and has three children.

**John H. Leuthold**—Molt, Stillwater county. Born May 26, 1907, at Chicago, and came to Montana in March, 1912; graduated from Columbus high school; Republican; Mason; farmer-stockman; married and has four children.





**Rep. Oliver M. Lien**

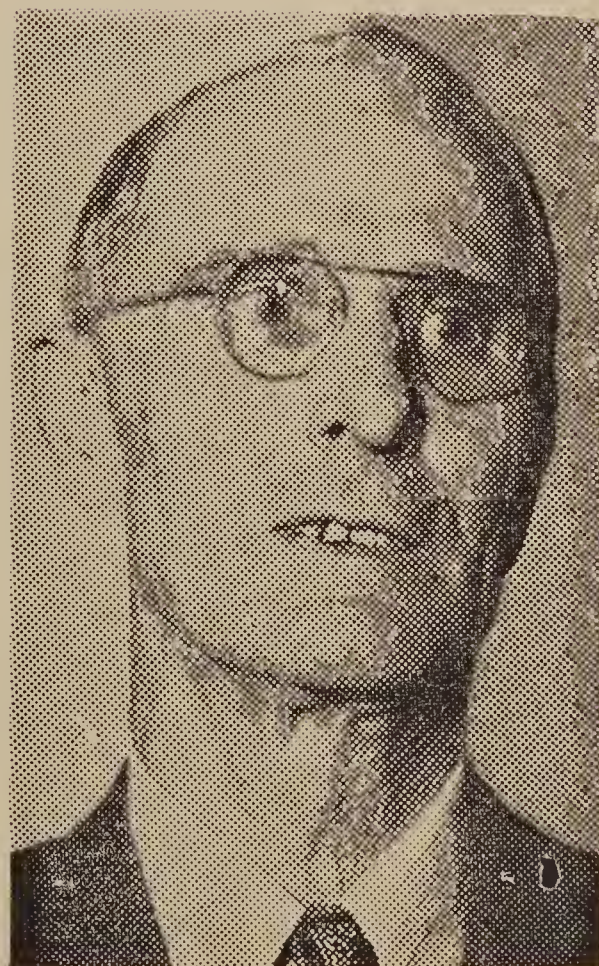


**Rep. Henry Loble**

**Oliver M. Lien**—Brockton, Roosevelt county. Born January 1, 1916, at Brockton and attended Montana State university; Democrat; member of the Elks and ATO college social fraternity; farmer, merchant and stockman; county attorney, Roosevelt county 1941-42; married Arlyne Gustafson and has two children; three years in World War II.

**Henry Loble**—Helena, Lewis and Clark county. Born May 25, 1917, at Helena and attended Helena public schools, University of Montana and Stanford university; Democrat; Sigma Chi and a member of the Masons, Shrine, Eagles, American Legion and Lions club; lawyer; member of the 1947 and 1949 legislatures; city attorney for Helena 1941-42 and city attorney for East Helena, 1947 until now; married Grayce C. Eckhardt and has two children; pilot USAAF 1942-1945.

**Dayton C. Lockridge**—Stevensville, Ravalli county. Born November 24, 1883, at Cowgille, Mo., and came to Montana July 20, 1901; attended Stevensville training school; Democrat; Mason and a merchant; served 16 years on the school board and 10 years on the fair board; married Maude McNetts and has three children.



**Rep. D. C. Lockridge**





Rep. Michael J. Loughran



Rep. John J. MacDonald



Rep. William R. Mackay

**Michael J. Loughran**—Butte, Silver Bow county. Born September 9, 1887, at Virginia City, Nev., and came to Montana in 1891; attended grade and high school and School of Mines; Democrat; member of the Elks and Knights of Columbus; mining engineer; was a member of the 1939, 1941, 1943, 1945, 1947 and 1949 legislatures; county surveyor, Silver Bow county, 1919-1931, and city engineer of Butte, 1931-1935; married Minnie Nickel and has two children.

**John J. MacDonald**—Jordan, Garfield county. Born August 22, 1913, at Jordan and attended Jordan public schools and Garfield county high school; Democrat; member of VFW; rancher; was a member of the 1949 legislature; deputy county assessor 1939-1940 and deputy county clerk 1941, until entering the army in December 1942; is single, and served three years in the mechanized cavalry, European theater, during World War II.

**William R. Mackay**—Roscoe, Carbon county. Born November 12, 1911, at Tenaflly, N. J., and came to Montana in 1919; attended Berkshire school, Sheffield, Mass., and Williams college, Williamstown, Mass.; Republican; member of the Elks and Masons; farmer-stockman; married Joyce S. Childs and has three children.





**Rep. Melvin E. Magnuson**



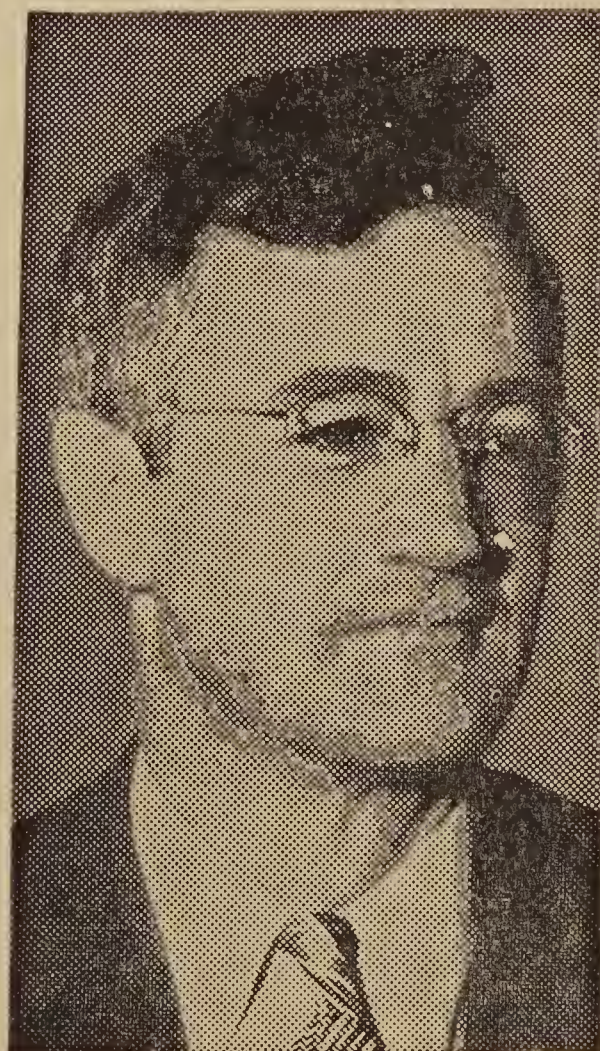
**Rep. Eugene C. McBride**



**Melvin E. Magnuson**—Helena, Lewis and Clark county. Born September 16, 1911, at Helena and attended Helena schools and Montana university; Democrat; member of the Masonic lodge, FOE, SFA, VFW, American Legion; lawyer; was city attorney for Helena, and county attorney for Lewis and Clark county, 1947-1950; married Esther Coutu; served in the infantry during World War II from July 7, 1941, to May 14, 1946.

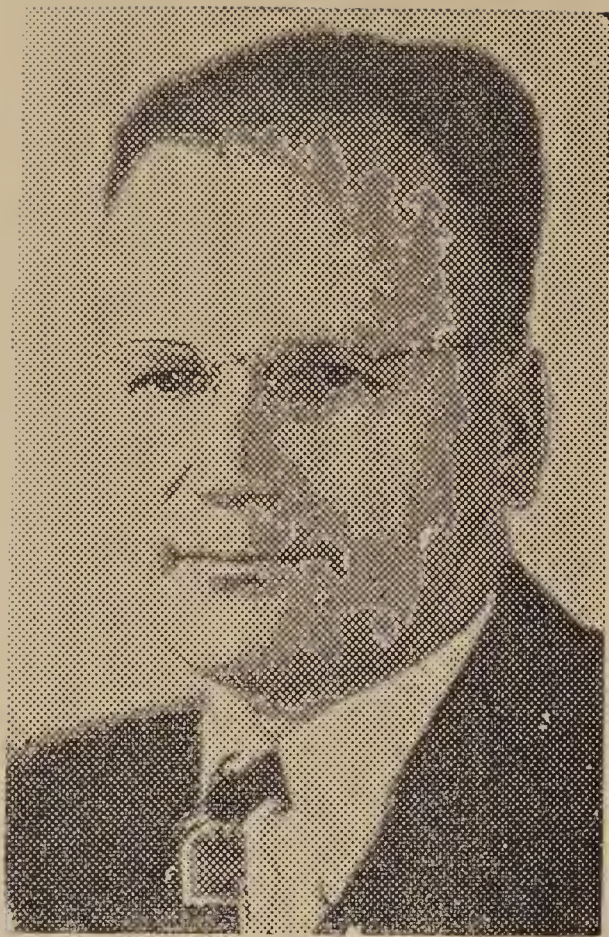
**Eugene C. McBride**—Anaconda, Deer Lodge county. Born April 10, 1905, at Anaconda and attended St. Peter's grade and high schools; Democrat; member of the Elks lodge; assistant chief of the Anaconda fire department; married Ethel C. Hansen and has one child.

**Daniel J. McCarthy**—Butte, Silver Bow county. Born July 26, 1910, at Butte and attended St. Joseph parochial and Boys Central high school in Butte and the University of Portland at Portland, Ore.; Democrat; bookkeeper; married Gertrude V. Shea and has five children; served in army in World War II from July 1, 1942, to November 20, 1945.



**Rep. Daniel J. McCarthy**

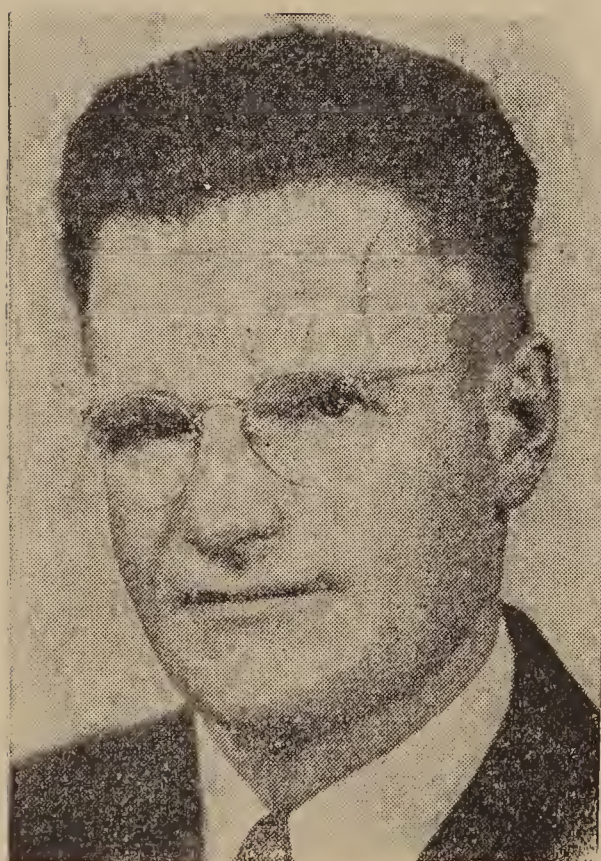




**Rep. Lloyd J. Michels**



**Rep. James A. Mountain**



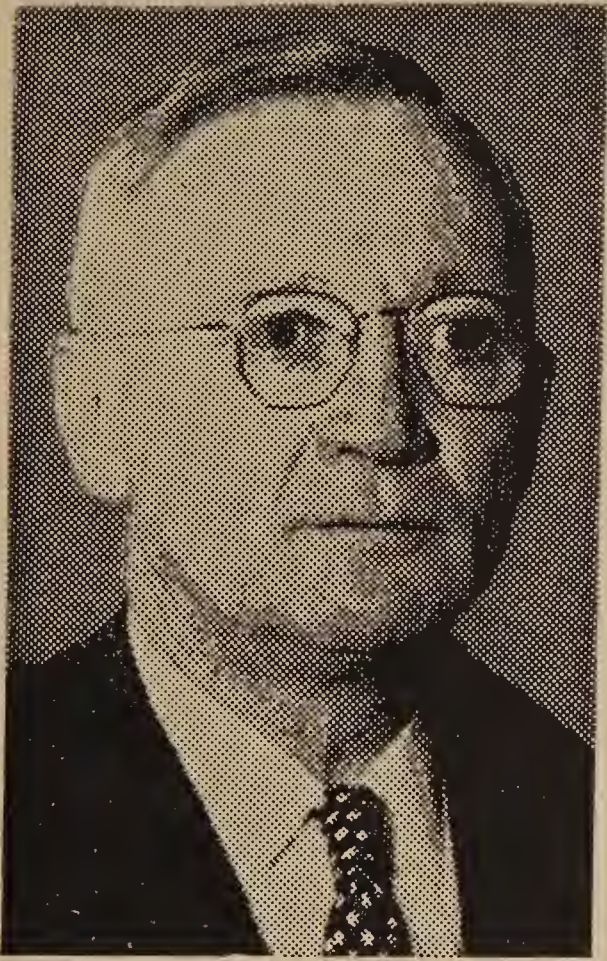
**Rep. Richard Nixon**

**Lloyd J. Michels**—Medicine Lake, Sheridan county. Born February 23, 1905, at Minneauwakan, N. D., and came to Montana in 1910; Democrat; member of Knights of Columbus and Elks lodge; farming and ranching; served in the 1949 legislature; married Winifred Claypool and has three children.

**James A. Mountain**—Butte, Silver Bow county. Born September 1, 1900, at Milville, Mass., and came to Montana in 1902; attended Sacred Heart and business college; Democrat; member of the Eagles lodge; warehouseman; member of the Butte city council 1929 to 1933; married Julia L. Byrnes and has three children.

**Richard Nixon**—Hogeland, Blaine county. Born in Venoqua, Wis., in 1901, and came to Montana in 1929; attended Venoqua high school; Democrat; member of AF&AM lodge; farmer; was a member of the 30th and 31st legislatures; is single and served in World War II.





**Rep. Fritz Norby**



**Rep. Geo. W. O'Connor**

**Fritz Norby** — Great Falls, Cascade county. Born October 15, 1892, in Ada, Minn., and came to Montana January 28, 1916; attended public schools and the University of Minnesota; Republican; member of the Masonic Blue lodge; real estate and insurance man; city alderman, Great Falls, May 1941 to May 1945; mayor of Great Falls, May 1945 to May 1947; married Effie Harshbarger and has a son and daughter.

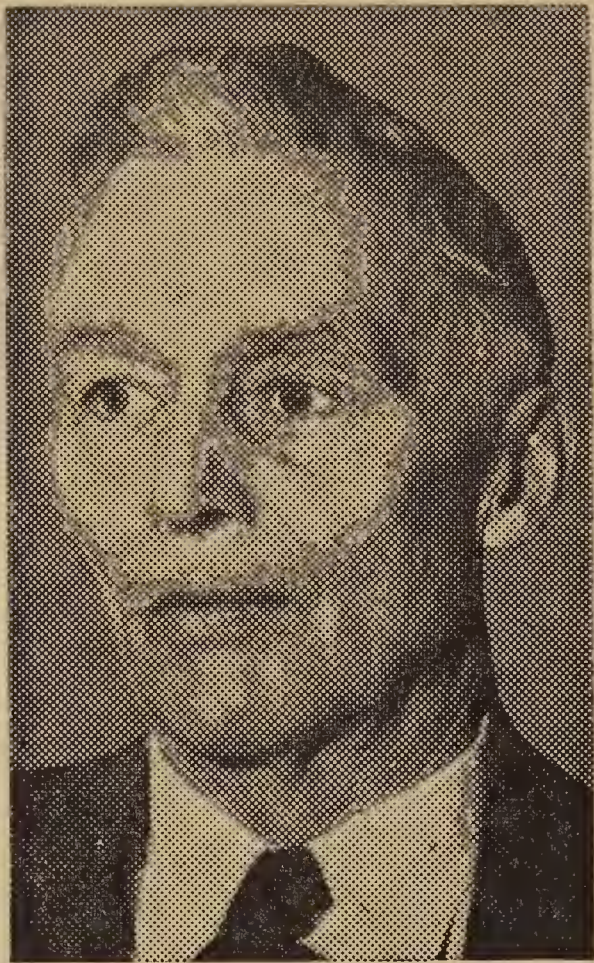
**Geo. W. O'Connor** — Fromberg, Carbon county. Born February 27, 1910, at Fromberg and attended Fromberg public schools; Republican; member of the AF&AM; rancher-merchant; member of the 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th legislatures; speaker of the House in 1943 and 1945; school and town offices; married Beulah M. Clark.

**Elmer Vernon Omholt** — Dutton, Teton county. Born March 29, 1920, at Great Falls and attended Fort Shaw high school and Northern Montana college at Havre; Republican; member of the American Legion; insurance man; served as justice of the peace; married Audrey Havalson and has one child; served four years in the infantry.



**Rep. E. V. Omholt**

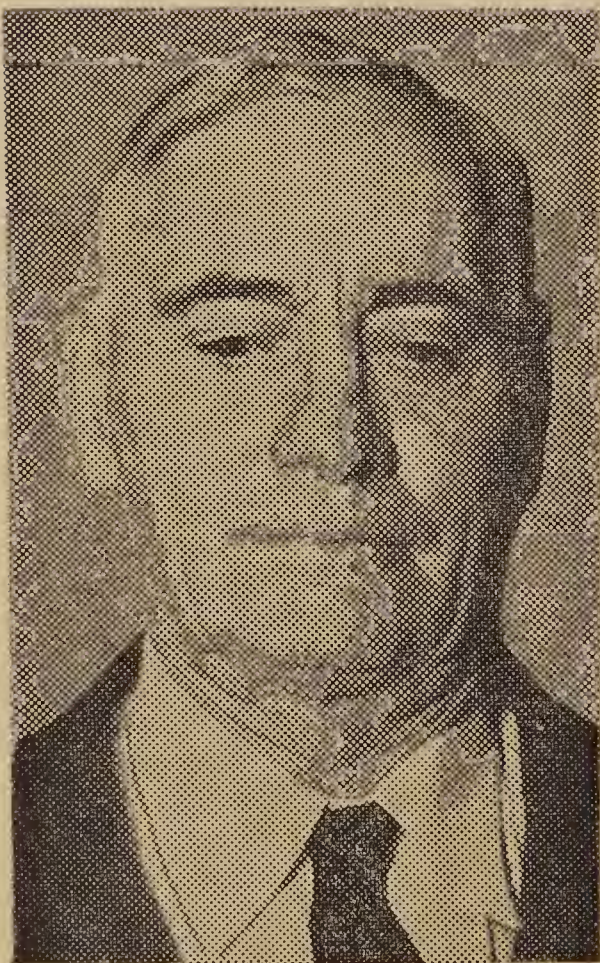




**Rep. John R. Page**



**Rep. Winfield E. Page**



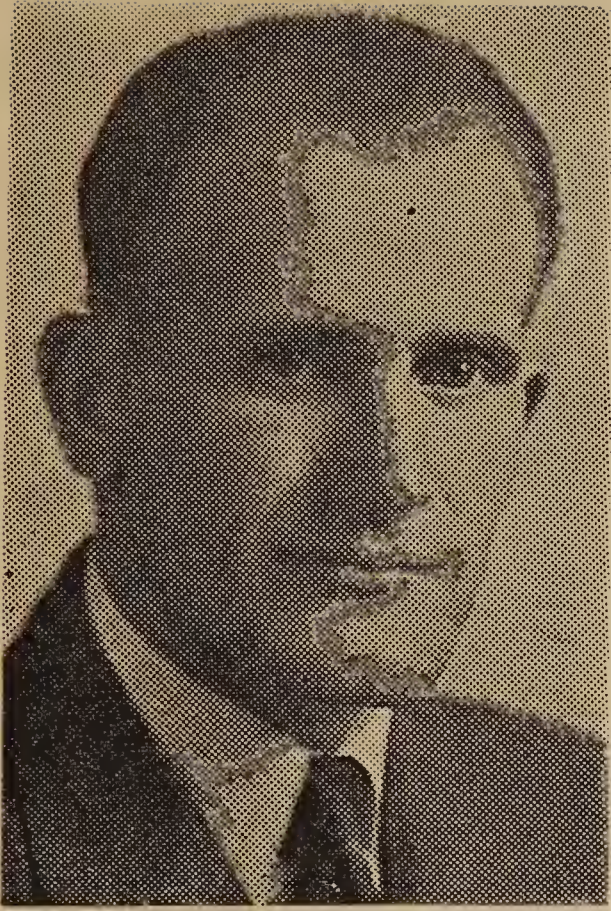
**Rep. Clem Parker**

**John R. Page**—Philipsburg, Granite county. Born September 12, 1880, at Fulton, Mo., and came to Montana May 22, 1888; attended Granite grade and high school; Democrat; member of the Masons, Eastern Star and VFW; retired stationary and mining engineer; served in the House in 1915 and 1917, in the Senate from 1919 through 1925 and 1931 through 1937, and the House in the 1949 legislature; was police judge, boiler inspector and city treasurer; married Gertrude Wickersheim and has four children living; served four years in the navy, 1902 to 1906.

**Winfield E. Page**—Missoula, Missoula county. Born May 23, 1904, at Owatonna, Minn., and came to Montana in 1912; attended Universities of Minnesota and Montana; Republican; member of the AF&AM, RAM, Commandery, OES and Shrine; landscape architect; member of the 1943, 1945, 1947 and 1949 legislatures; married Alice Rhoads.

**Clem Parker**—Wibaux, Wibaux county. Born February 28, 1886, at Ackley, Iowa, and came to Montana in 1907; attended grade and high school; Democrat; rancher; served five terms in the House; widower and has four children.





Rep. Carl B. Peters

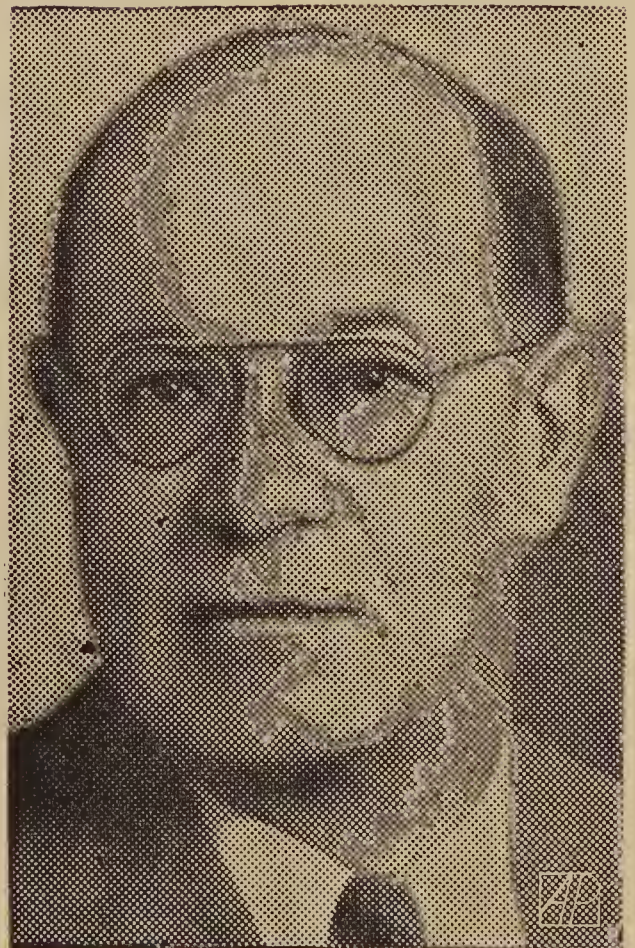


Rep. R. J. Phillips

**Carl B. Peters**—Billings, Yellowstone county. Born November 6, 1915, at Billings and attended Montana State college; Republican; member of the Lambda Chi Alpha; farmer-rancher; member of the 1949 legislature; married Lucille Marie Guay and has three children; served four years in World War II, 16 months overseas.

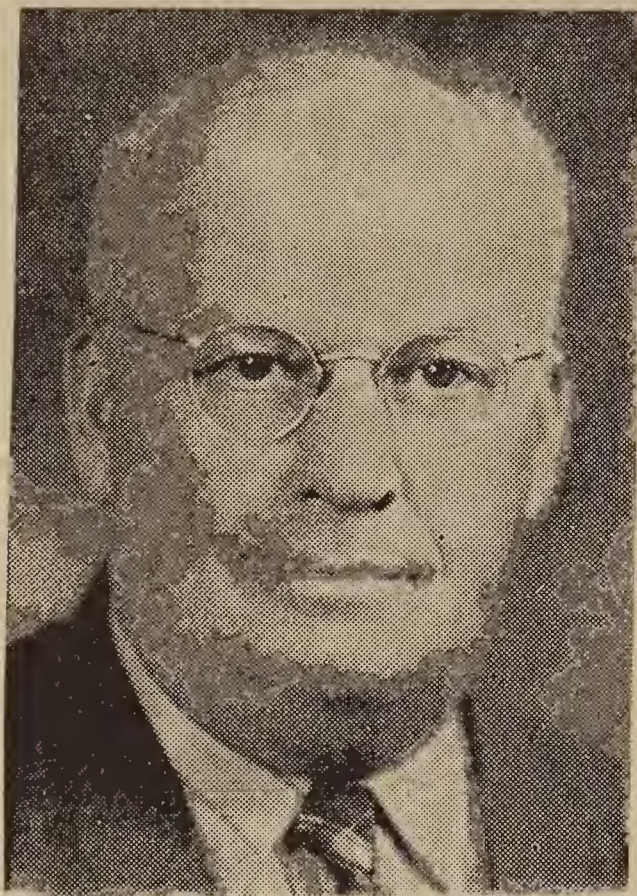
**R. J. Phillips**—Lewistown, Fergus county. Born November 5, 1891, at Lewistown and attended schools in Lewistown and Bozeman; Republican; member of the Masonic, Elks and Eagles lodges; rancher; served in the 1945, 1947 and 1949 legislatures; was Fergus county commissioner from 1939 to 1945; married Cora I. Geary and has five children.

**George H. Pierce**—Billings, Yellowstone county. Born August 31, 1894, at Idaho Springs, Colo., and came to Montana in 1912; attended school in Morrison, Colo.; Republican; member of the Masonic bodies, Shrine, Elks, Eagles, UCT and Kiwanis lodges; an automobile dealer; was a member of the 1945, 1947 and 1949 legislatures; married Margaret Lee and has four children, three sons serving in World War II.



Rep. Geo. H. Pierce





**Rep. Lewis M. Prill**



**Rep. C. Lowell Purdy**



**Rep. Bess R. Reed**

**Lewis M. Prill**—Billings, Yellowstone county. Born March 10, 1882, at Beaman, Iowa, and came to Montana in 1918; attended schools in Iowa; Republican; member of the IOOF, Eagles and UCT lodges; editor, radioman, lecturer; is not married.

**C. Lowell Purdy**—Havre, Hill county. Born February 2, 1914, at Milbank, S. D., and came to Montana in 1917; attended Havre high school, North Montana college and Montana State university; Republican; member of the Masons and Elks; farmer; married Vivien D. Thomson and has two children.

**Mrs. Bess R. Reed**—Missoula, Missoula county. Born October 15, 1892, at Montgomery, Minn., and came to Montana in 1925; attended grade and high schools in Minnesota and Teacher's college, Valley City, N. D.; Republican; member of the Order of Eastern Star and honorary member of Delta Kappa Gamma; taught school six years and at present is secretary of the Missoula Community Chest; member of the school board since 1944; widow and has one son.





**Rep. Arnold Rieder**



**Rep. Orville Rostad**

**Arnold Rieder**—Boulder, Jefferson county. Born June 20, 1906, in Switzerland and came to Montana September 1, 1942; attended East Peoria, Ill., high school; Democrat; farmer-stockman; member of the school board since 1948; married Floy Crabtree and has two sons and two daughters.

**Orville Rostad**—Lennup, Meagher county. Born December 30, 1903, at Lennup and attended Montana State college; Republican; stockgrower; served one previous term in the legislature; married Pearl Blevins and has two children.

**Walter G. Sagunsky**—Sheridan, Madison county. Born October 15, 1904, at Omaha, Neb., and came to Montana in December 1929; attended business college; Republican; member of the Masonic lodge; honey producer and engineer; served as mayor of Sheridan; married Edith Schoenek and has two children.



**Rep. Walter G. Sagunsky**

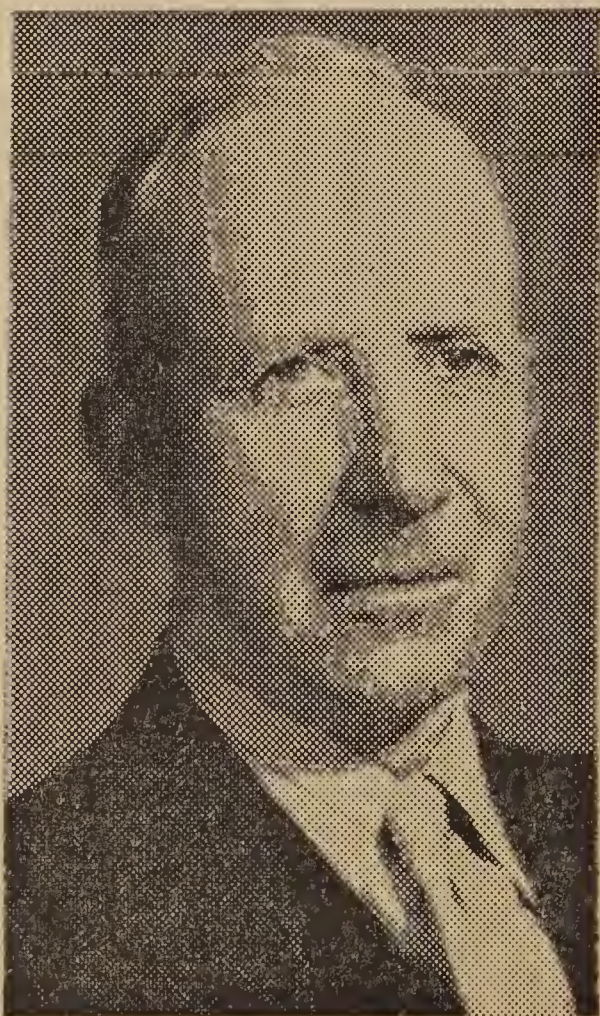




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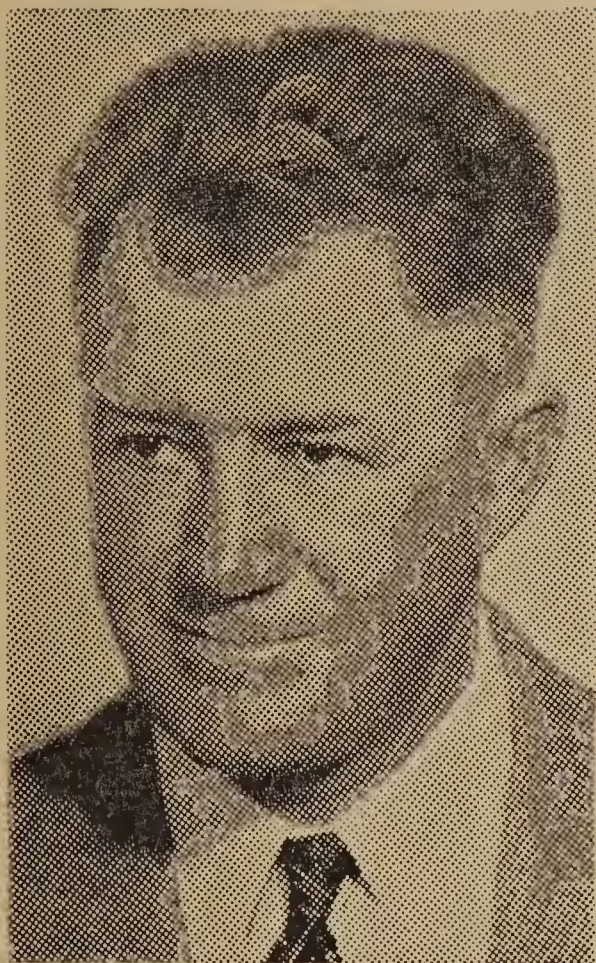
Rep. Chas. L. Scofield

**Walter L. Sales**—Manhattan, Gallatin county. Born April 7, 1902, at Manhattan and attended Montana State college; Republican; member of the Elks, Masons, Sigma Chi; rancher; member of the 1947 and 1949 legislatures; married Solveig Rivenes and has one son.

**John MacHale Schiltz** — Billings, Yellowstone county. Born May 29, 1919, at Kremlin, Mont., and attended Montana State university; Republican; lawyer; married Edna Mae McDonnell and has three children; served four years with the Marine corps in World War II.

**Charles L. Scofield** — Broadus, Powder River county. Born September 6, 1890, on a ranch in western South Dakota and came to Montana in June 1903; attended schools in South Dakota and New Mexico; Republican; member of the Masons, Shrine and OES; cattle rancher; member of eight previous sessions of the legislature, concurrently; speaker of the House, 1947; has been a school trustee for 12 years; married Marie Higgins and has one son.





**Rep. J. P. Seifert**



**Rep. Edward J. Skibby**

**J. P. Seifert**—Conrad, Pondera county. Born May 22, 1890, at Sleepy Eye, Minn., and came to Montana April 22, 1910; attended Sleepy Eye public schools; Republican; Mason; farmer-rancher; city alderman and school trustee 16 years; married Ethel L. Nelson and has five children; served in the Montana National Guard from 1914-1917.

**Edward J. Skibby**—Winnett, Petroleum county. Born October 10, 1898, at Aurora, Iowa, and came to Montana in 1900; attended grade and high school at Glyndon, Minn.; Republican; Mason, Scottish Rite; Shriner, OES, Elk; rancher; member of the 1949 legislature; married Edna Maude Denson; served in the navy in World War I.

**J. Miller Smith**—Helena, Lewis and Clark county. Born August 23, 1899, at Helena; attended grade and high school in Helena, and Park college, Missouri; Republican; member of the Eagles, Elks, American Legion and Masonic lodges; lawyer; county attorney for Lewis and Clark county from 1941 to 1944; married Elvira Starz and has one child; served with the infantry in World War I.



**Rep. J. Miller Smith**





**Rep. Robert C. Sykes**



**Rep. Neil Taylor**



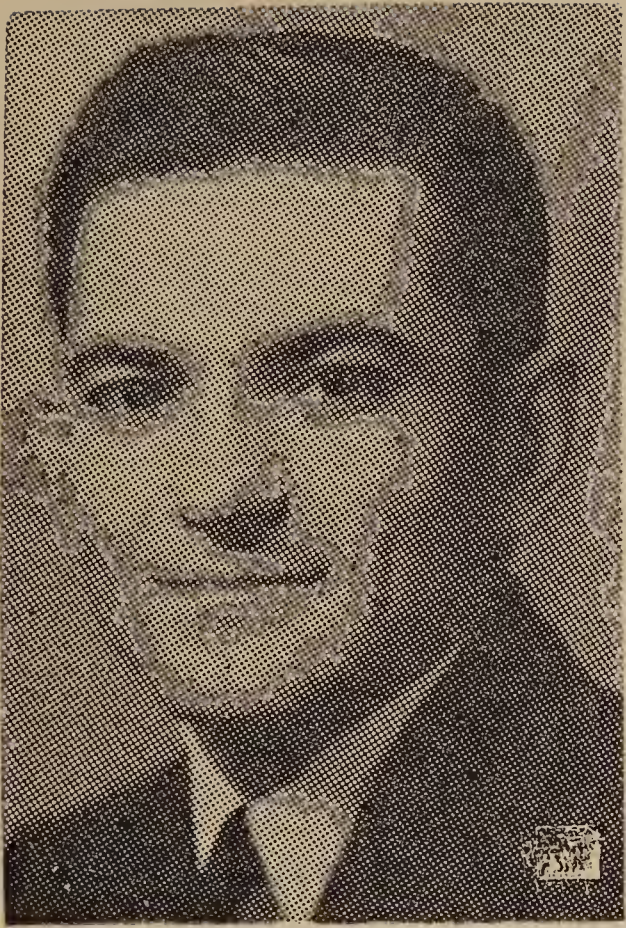
**Rep. Myron Tripp**

**Robert C. Sykes**—Kalispell, Flathead county. Born February 24, 1919, at Spokane, Wash., and came to Montana June 1, 1923; attended Flathead county high school and Montana State university; Republican; member of the Elks, American Legion and Theta Chi; attorney; married Jewel M. Krantz and has two children; was in World War II from 1942 to 1946.

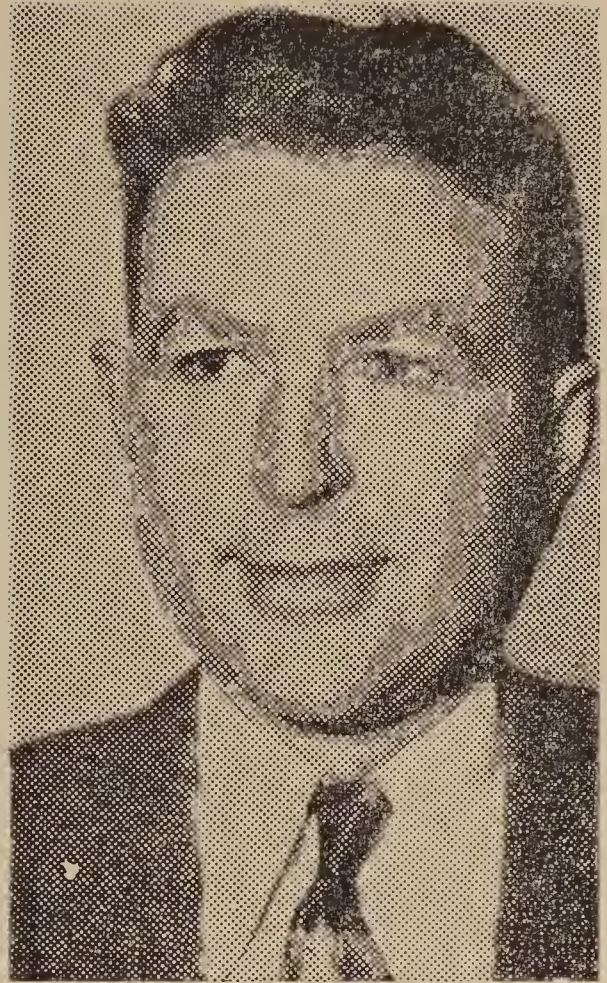
**Neil Taylor**—Scobey, Daniels county. Born September 7, 1897, at Mt. Moriah, Mo., and came to Montana April 1, 1914; attended grade and high school in Unionville, Mo.; Republican; registered Hereford cattle breeder; has served two previous terms in the legislature; married Florence D. Kennedy and has two children.

**Myron Tripp**—Great Falls, Cascade county. Born January 7, 1917, at Lansing, Mich.; attended Wittenberg college, Ohio State university, University of Chicago and University of Zurich, Switzerland; Democrat; school teacher and lawyer; represented Yellowstone county in 1949 legislature; not married.





**Rep Keith W. Trout**

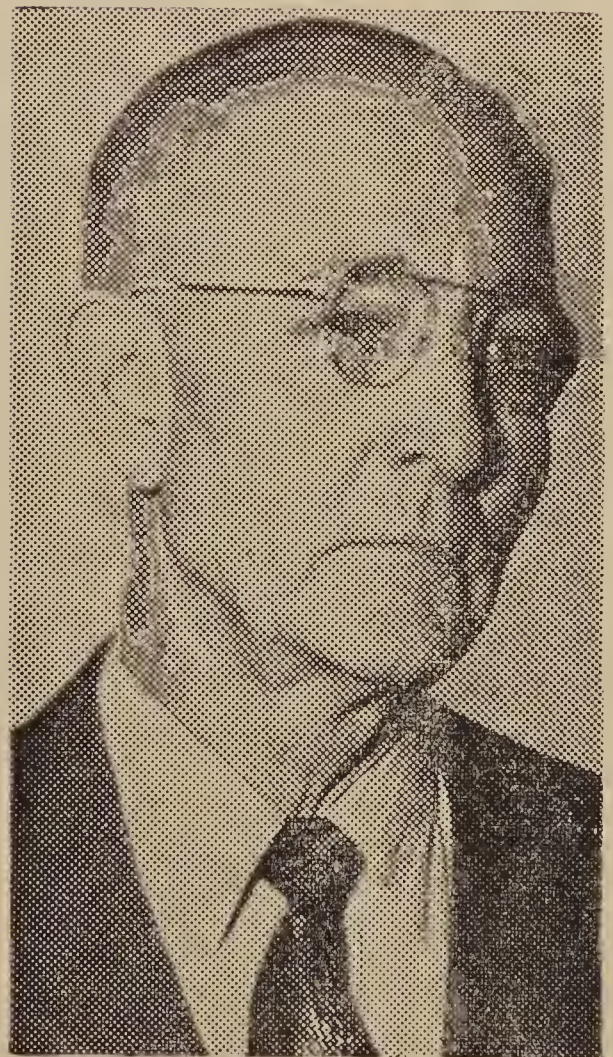


**Rep. Frank Valach**

**Keith W. Trout**—Miles City, Custer county. Born December 14, 1923, at Baker, Mont.; attended Baker public schools and Custer county high school; Democrat; member of the Elks, Eagles, VFW and American Legion; sheet-metal worker and musician; member of the 1949 legislature; married Bernice E. Comstock; served three years in the navy in World War II, two years overseas.

**Frank Valach**—Lewistown, Fergus county. Born June 15, 1918, at Lewistown and attended Lewistown grade schools and Fergus county high school; Democrat; member of the Elks, Eagles and American Legion; bricklayer and contractor; married Pearl J. Mane and has one son; served 45 months in the air force during World War II.

**William Van Dyke**—Harlowton, Wheatland county. Born January 11, 1883, at Bozeman, Mont.; attended Bozeman high school; Democrat; member of the Dads of Foreign Service Veterans, Knights of Calumbus and Moose; landlord; member of the 1949 legislature; married Tessie Sullivan and has one son.



**Rep. William Van Dyke**





**Rep. A. J. Watkins**



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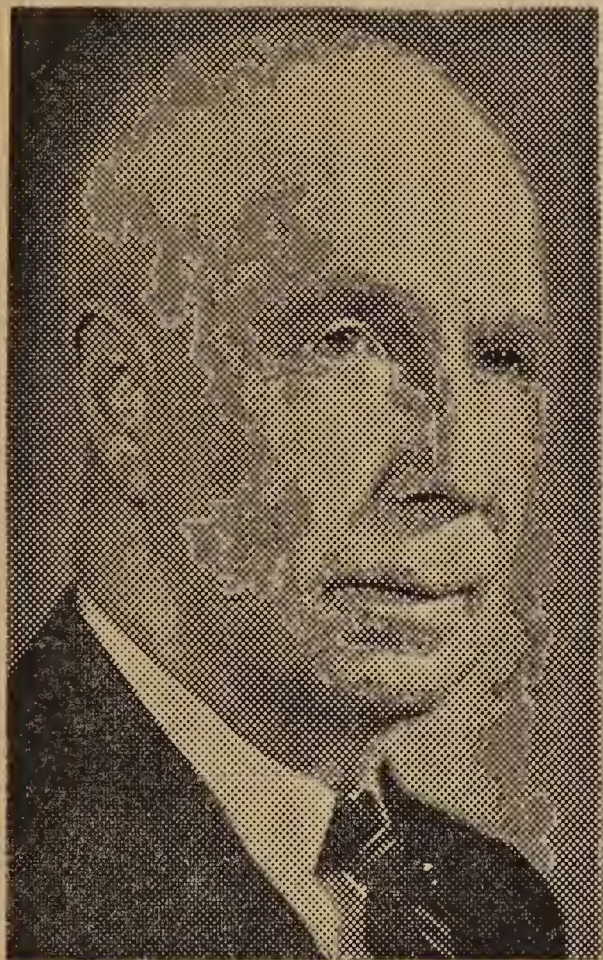
**Rep. R. H. Wiedman**

**A. J. Watkins**—Chapman, Phillips county. Born July 31, 1896, at Chicago; attended Harmel public schools; Republican; member of the AF&AM and is a rancher; member of the grazing district advisory board; married Pearl Petrie and has three children.

**Lovitt I. Westlake**—Bozeman, Gallatin county. Born May 15, 1896, at Confidence, Iowa, and came to Montana in March 1910; attended Bozeman public schools, Gallatin county high school and Montana State college; Democrat; member of the Masonic, Elks, IOOF and American Legion lodges, SAE fraternity; rancher; was a member of the 1949 legislature; Gallatin county sheriff from 1933 to 1947; married Ella V. Larson and has three children; served in World War I.

**Raymond Henry Wiedman**—Polson, Lake county. Born November 11, 1888, at Maiden (Montana Territory); attended Montana public schools, Stanford university and University of Montana; Republican; member of the Masonic bodies, OES, IOOF, Elks and Lions club; lawyer; was a member of the 1947 and 1949 legislatures; city attorney, Whitefish, 1916-1918, and county attorney, Lake county, 1939-1943; married Ellen Taylor and has one child.





Rep. Archie Wilson



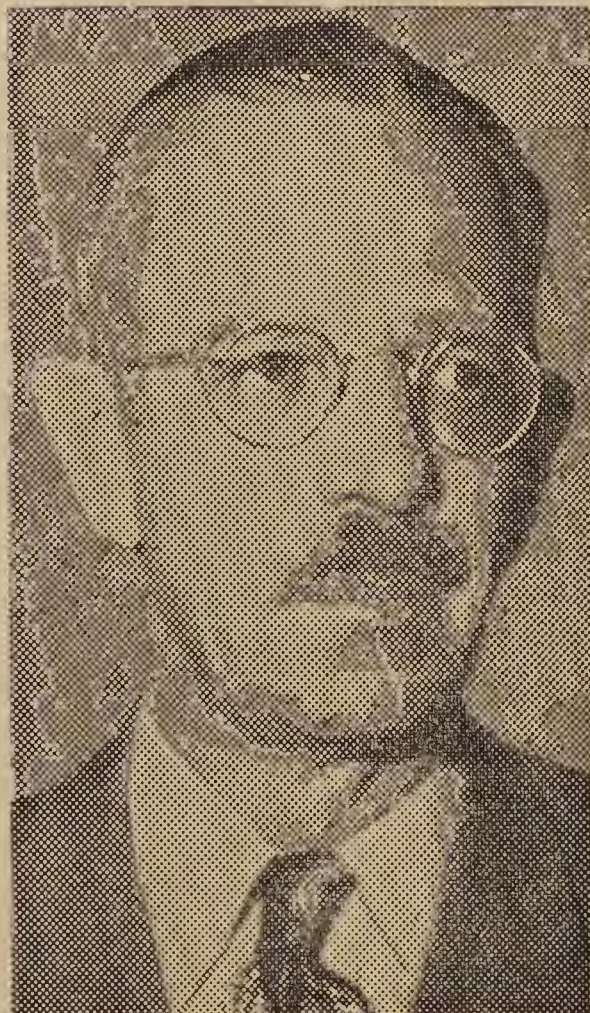
Rep. J. Harry Wilson



**Archie Wilson**—Hysham, Treasure county. Born March 4, 1882, in Scotland and came to Montana in April 1903; attended grade schools; Republican; member of the Masonic lodge; stockman and farmer; was a member of the 1947 and 1949 legislatures; married Margaret Oliver and has two sons.

**J. Harry Wilson**—Stanford, Judith Basin county. Born November 16, 1881, at Walnut Grove, Minn., and came to Montana April 6, 1914; attended grade schools; Democrat; farmer; member of the legislature in 1931 and 1949; chairman of the PMA committee, 1938-1948; married Maude Gilbert and has four children.

**Paul D. Working**—Wilsall, Park county. Born December 22, 1901, at East Helena, Mont., and attended Montana elementary and high schools and Stanford university; Republican; member Elks and Masons; merchant; member of the 1949 legislature; school trustee for 20 years; married Dorothy N. Dickson and has one daughter; served with the Montana National Guard, 1924 to 1930.



Rep. Paul D. Working





**Chief Clerk**  
**Lewis R. Knox**

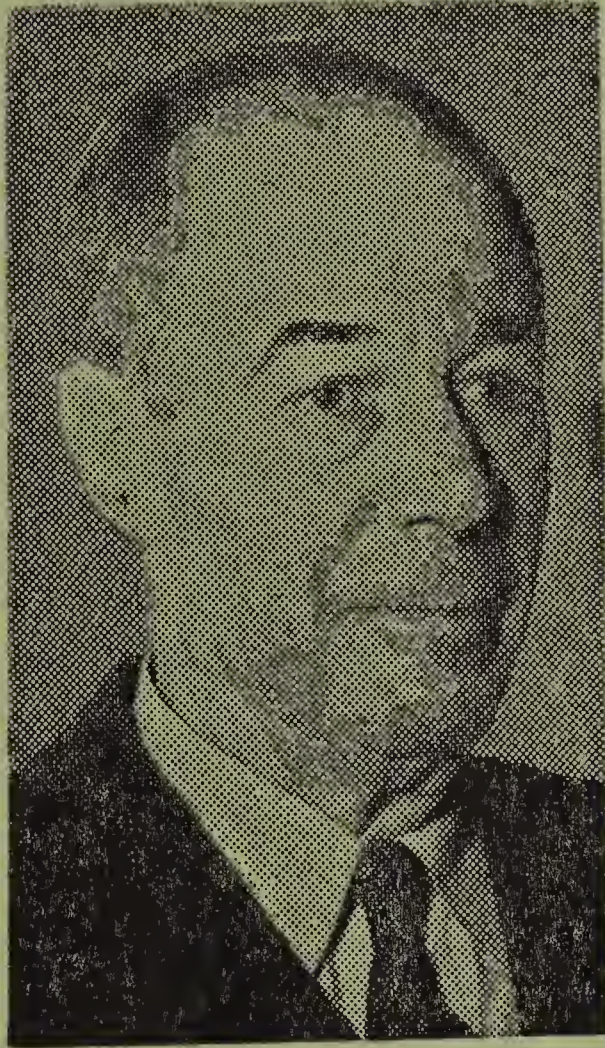
**Lewis R. Knox**—Helena, Lewis and Clark county. Born May 9, 1895, in Morrison, Ill.; came to Montana March 14, 1927; Republican; member of Helena Lodge No. 3, AF&AM, Algeria Shrine temple, Helena lodge No. 193, BPOE Elks, American Legion; vice president of Helena Retail Merchants association; florist; served as clerk of House in the 28th, 29th and 30th sessions; served as deputy county treasurer 1943; married Helen Grossman and has two sons; served in World War I, 1917-1918-1919.

**George F. Moore**—Harlowton, Wheatland county. Sergeant-at-Arms. Born May 15, 1897, in White Sulphur Springs, Mont.; attended Montana State college; Republican; member of Masonic Order, Elks, VFW and American Legion; rancher; served as first assistant sergenat-at-arms of the House in 1947 session; married Margaret Roe; has two sons; veteran of both World Wars.



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